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Molina**

## **Second District**



**Yvonne  
Brathwaite  
Burke**

## **Third District**



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1                   **[THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DID NOT MEET IN**  
2                   **CLOSED SESSION TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2003.]**

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4   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:**THE MEETING WILL PLEASE COME TO ORDER.  
5   INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY FATHER RICHARD ESTRADA, EXECUTIVE  
6   DIRECTOR OF THE HOVANUS INCORPORATED, LOS ANGELES, FROM THE  
7   FIRST DISTRICT. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY RUBEN  
8   TREJO, ADJUTANT, ANTELOPE VALLEY CHAPTER NUMBER 39 OF DISABLED  
9   AMERICAN VETERANS FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT.

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11   **FATHER RICHARD ESTRADA:** WAR, WAR IS A TIME FOR PEOPLE OF ALL  
12   FAITHS AND GOODWILL TO BE UNITED IN COMMON PRAYER AND  
13   COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR THE GOOD OF ALL. THE SACRED SCRIPTURES  
14   OF ALL THE RELIGIOUS OR THE RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD URGE US TO  
15   SEEK PEACE, TO BE JUST, AND TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. LET US BEGIN  
16   THIS WORKDAY BY REMEMBERING AND LIFTING UP IN PRAYER, IN  
17   SILENT PRAYER, OUR SOLDIERS WHO ARE IN HARM'S WAY. AND LET'S  
18   PRAY FOR THEIR PARENTS, THE RELATIVES, WIVES, AND CHILDREN.  
19   LET'S PRAY FOR ALL THE VICTIMS OF WAR, ESPECIALLY THE MOST  
20   VULNERABLE. MAY OUR COLLECTIVE ACTION BE THE MOST URGENT TASK  
21   OF ACHIEVING PEACE, JUSTICE, AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG ALL  
22   PEOPLES AND ALL NATIONS, FOR NEVER BEFORE IN HISTORY HAS IT  
23   BEEN SO IMPERATIVE TO SHARE THE GOAL OF LIVING IN BROTHERHOOD  
24   AND SISTERHOOD. O GOD AND CREATOR OF ALL, GRANT TO EACH OF THE  
25   MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISORS, THE WISDOM THAT



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1 THEY NEED TODAY. GRANT THEM THE FORTITUDE TO MEET THE  
2 CHALLENGES OF THIS DAY. AND, MOST OF ALL, GIVE THEM YOUR  
3 BLESSING AND PEACE. AMEN.

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5 **RUBEN TREJO:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG, PLACE YOUR HAND OVER YOUR  
6 HEART, AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [ PLEDGE OF  
7 ALLEGIANCE ] THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO MAKE A  
12 PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO FATHER  
13 ESTRADA. FATHER RICHARD ESTRADA IS ONE OF THOSE RELIGIOUS  
14 LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO IS AN ACTIVIST, SOMEONE WHO'S  
15 INVOLVED IN A LOT OF ISSUES OF THE COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY THE  
16 ISSUES OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. HE IS A CLARICION MISSIONARY  
17 CELEBRATING HIS 25TH ANNIVERSARY AS AN ORDAINED CATHOLIC  
18 PRIEST. HE IS THE FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR OF HOVANUS INC., A  
19 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION THAT IS PROVIDING SUPPORTIVE  
20 SERVICES TO OUR YOUTH AND THE COMMUNITY. HE IS EXPANDING OF  
21 COURSE TO HOMELESS YOUTH AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO MANY OF OUR  
22 EMANCIPATED FOSTER YOUTHS. HE'S BEEN AN ACTIVIST IN THE  
23 COMMUNITY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. HE IS VERY PROUD THAT IN JUNE  
24 HE IS GOING TO BE OPENING THE FATHER OLIVADA CENTER THAT IS  
25 GOING TO BE SERVING MANY OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE IN WHICH HE HAS





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1 PROVIDED NOT ONLY LEADERSHIP, BUT RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL  
2 LEADERSHIP AS WELL. HE'S VERY DEVOTED TO OUR COMMUNITY AND  
3 DEVOTED TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE, MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO HE HAS  
4 WORKED WITH RESPECT HIM TREMENDOUSLY AND CERTAINLY WE ALL  
5 APPRECIATE HIM LEADING IN OUR PRAYER THIS MORNING AND  
6 REMINDING OF ALL OF OUR DUTY AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO  
7 CONTINUE TO PRAY, NOT ONLY FOR OUR SOLDIERS, FOR BUT EVERY  
8 SINGLE ONE OF US AND TO BRING PEACE QUICKLY. THANK YOU,  
9 FATHER. [ APPLAUSE ]

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHAIR, RUBEN TREJO IS A FRIEND FROM THE  
12 PALMDALE AREA, THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED  
13 STATES ARMY. HE'S ADJUTANT FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY CHAPTER  
14 NUMBER 39 OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS. HE WORKS FOR THE  
15 CALIFORNIAN EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WHERE HE'S THE  
16 DISABLED VETERANS OUTREACH PROGRAM SPECIALIST. HE'S MARRIED  
17 WITH FOUR YEARS AND A GRADUATE OF JOHN MUIR HIGH SCHOOL IN  
18 PASADENA, AND CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT LOS ANGELES, AND  
19 WE APPRECIATE RUBEN COMING DOWN AND LEADING US INTO THE PLEDGE  
20 AND HIS SERVICE FOR OUR COUNTRY. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH REALLY? OH, MY GOODNESS. WE'LL NOW HAVE  
23 THE AGENDA. AGENDA.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF  
2 THE BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 3. ON ITEM S-1, AND IT SHOULD  
3 ALSO INCLUDE A RECOGNITION OF THE MISSING FOSTER CHILDREN  
4 WEBSITE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES  
5 QUARTERLY REPORT AS REQUESTED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ON  
6 PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEMS  
7 1-H THROUGH 3-H.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.  
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL  
13 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P AND 2-P.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
16 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 25.  
19 I HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 3, HOLD FOR PETER  
20 BAXTER. ON ITEM NUMBER 5, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE AND  
21 OTHERS. ON ITEM NUMBER 12, THAT ALSO INCLUDES THE REVISIONS AS  
22 NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET. ON ITEM NUMBER 13, SUPERVISOR  
23 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE TO APRIL 1, 2003.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM 13 IS CONTINUED FOR  
2   TWO WEEKS.

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4   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND ITEM NUMBER 15 ALSO INCLUDES THE  
5   REVISIONS AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, AND ON ITEM NUMBER 16,  
6   HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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8   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA WITH THE REVISIONS AS THEY  
9   ARE LISTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, AND SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT  
10   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 26 AND 27.

13

14   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.  
15   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, ITEM 28.

18

19   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
20   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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22   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ITEM 29.

23

24   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT  
25   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.





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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** FIRE DEPARTMENT, ITEM 30.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.

5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 31 THROUGH 38.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.

10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MENTAL HEALTH, ITEMS 39 THROUGH 41. ON

13 ITEM NUMBER 41, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR BURKE AND OTHER. THE REST

14 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.

17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEM 42.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT

22 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 43 THROUGH 63. ITEM

25 NUMBER 46 ALSO INCLUDES REVISIONS AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET.



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1 ON ITEM 49, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE AND OTHER. THE REST ARE  
2 BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT  
5 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 27, SHERIFF. ON ITEMS NUMBER 64  
8 AND 65, ON 64, AS NOTED ON THE AGENDA, THE SHERIFF REQUESTS  
9 THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. 65 IS BEFORE  
10 YOU.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 64 WILL BE REFERRED BACK TO THE SHERIFF'S  
13 DEPARTMENT. 65 IS MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT  
14 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEMS 66 AND  
17 67.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, 68 THROUGH  
23 70. ON ITEM 69, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ON ITEM NUMBER  
24 7, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN



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1 ONLY BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS. AND THAT'S ON ITEM NUMBER 70. AND  
2 THEN -- YES?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON 70, THE CORRECTION PLAN, CORRECTIVE PLAN  
5 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS, WITHOUT OBJECTION. ON THE  
6 REMAINDER, MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT  
7 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON ITEM 69, IS BEING HELD, AND 68,  
8 MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
9 ORDERED.

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11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTER, 71, TREASURER AND TAX  
12 COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
13 ISSUANCE AND SALE OF POMONA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL  
14 OBLIGATION BONDS 2002 ELECTION SERIES B IN AN AGGREGATE  
15 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 15 MILLION DOLLARS.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
21 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
22 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF  
23 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
24 ITEM 72-A.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.

2   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 72-B, THAT SHOULD BE A JOINT  
5   RECOMMENDATION WITH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, AND THAT ITEM IS  
6   BEFORE YOU.

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8   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.

9   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 72-C.

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13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.

14   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
17   AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
18   SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 2.

19

20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE CONSUL-GENERAL,  
21   THE HONORABLE MOHAMMAD ZULKEPHLI ZALI MOHAMMAD NOOR, CONSUL-  
22   GENERAL OF MALAYSIA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE WITH  
23   US. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS MORNING,  
24   I HAVE THE DISTINCT PLEASURE OF AND HONOR OF INTRODUCING TO  
25   YOU THE NEWLY-APPOINTED CONSUL-GENERAL OF MALAYSIA, THE



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1 HONORABLE MOHAMMAD ZULKEPHLI NOOR. "NOOR," I KNOW, OKAY.  
2 CONSUL-GENERAL NOOR'S CAREER BEGAN IN JANUARY 1984 WHEN HE WAS  
3 APPOINTED ADMINISTRATIVE AND DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF MALAYSIA  
4 AND SERVED AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S  
5 DEPARTMENT. CONSUL-GENERAL NOOR HAS HELD NUMEROUS POSITIONS IN  
6 MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT INCLUDING SERVING AS SPECIAL OFFICER TO  
7 THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPECIAL ENVOY IN THE MINISTRY, OF FOREIGN  
8 AFFAIRS AND AS PRINCIPLE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SOUTHEAST  
9 ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. HIS PRIOR  
10 OVERSEAS POSTINGS INCLUDED TWO TERMS IN THE PERMANENT  
11 REPRESENTATION MALAYSIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN GENEVA,  
12 SWITZERLAND, WHERE HE WAS SECOND AND FIRST SECRETARY. PLEASE  
13 JOIN ME IN WELCOMING CONSUL-GENERAL NOOR TO LOS ANGELES  
14 COUNTY, EXTENDING OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND VERY BEST WISHES FOR  
15 A SUCCESSFUL TOUR OF DUTY AND WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS PLAQUE  
16 TO HIM AS A TOKEN OF OUR FRIENDSHIP AND OUR ESTEEM. [ APPLAUSE  
17 ]

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19 **CONSUL-GENERAL NOOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM BURKE,  
20 CHAIRPERSON OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
21 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MADAM GINGER BENNETT,  
22 DEPUTY CHIEF FOR THE BOARD. ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF  
23 MALAYSIA, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY  
24 SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND IN  
25 PARTICULAR, THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL FOR ORGANIZING THIS





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1 OCCASION. I'M HONORED INDEED. I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE,  
2 THOUGH A LITTLE BIT LATE, THE ELECTION OF MADAM YVONNE BURKE  
3 AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
4 I'M CONFIDENT UNDER YOUR ABLE LEADERSHIP WE COULD FURTHER  
5 DEVELOP COOPERATION TO A GREATER HEIGHT. I WOULD LIKE ALSO TO  
6 CONGRATULATE THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF PROTOCOL FOR ITS 20TH  
7 ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR. IN THIS REGARD, THE CONSULATE OF  
8 MALAYSIA WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR FULLEST COOPERATION AND THE  
9 DESIRE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOU IN AREA OF TRADE AND  
10 INVESTMENT AND OTHER AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. I AM PERSONALLY  
11 ENCOURAGED WITH THE PROFESSIONALISM THAT WAS SHOWN BY OFFICE  
12 OF PROTOCOL SINCE MY ARRIVAL AND ASSISTING ME IN THE STARTING  
13 MY OFFICIAL DUTIES. I'M CONFIDENT THAT WE COULD COOPERATE  
14 CLOSELY IN PROMOTING OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS. LADIES AND  
15 GENTLEMEN, ALLOW ME TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT MALAYSIA/U.S.  
16 COOPERATION. I MUST SAY THAT, AT THE OUTSET, THE BILATERAL  
17 RELATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAS ALWAYS BEEN STRONG AND  
18 CORDIAL. THE U.S. IS PRESENTLY THE LARGEST INVESTOR IN  
19 MALAYSIA IN MANUFACTURING SECTOR WITH SIGNIFICANT AMERICAN  
20 INVESTMENT IN ELECTRONICS AND PETROCHEMICAL. THE U.S. WAS AND  
21 IS OUR LEGISLATING PARTNER THIS YEAR AND LAST YEAR, ACCOUNTING  
22 AROUND 18.3% OF MALAYSIA GLOBAL TRADE. TOTAL TRADE HAD BEEN  
23 INCREASED FOUR-FOLDED FROM U.S. 7.1 BILLION IN 1990 TO 29.6  
24 BILLION IN THE YEAR 2002. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE MORE THAN 300  
25 AMERICAN COMPANIES OPERATING IN MALAYSIA. DESPITE OUR SMALL



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1 POPULATION OF 24 MILLION, U.S. EXPORT TO MALAYSIA LAST YEAR  
2 WERE MORE THAN ITS COMBINED EXPORT TO RUSSIA, INDIA, AND  
3 INDONESIA, WHOSE COMBINED POPULATION IS ABOUT 1.3 BILLION.  
4 EXPORT TO MALAYSIA WILL VALUE AT 9.4 BILLION COMPARED TO 9.0  
5 BILLION FOR THESE THREE COUNTRIES. MALAYSIA'S STRONG TIE WITH  
6 THE U.S. IN TRADE AND INVESTMENT ARE WELL COMPLEMENTED BY AN  
7 EQUALLY STRONG TIE IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION. OVER THE YEARS,  
8 MORE THAN 150,000 MALAYSIAN STUDENTS WERE TRAINED IN THE  
9 UNITED STATES. THIS WELL TALENTED HUMAN RESOURCE HAVE  
10 CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MALAYSIA. IN  
11 PARTICULAR, IN SERVICING AMERICAN COMPANIES IN MALAYSIA. I CAN  
12 GO ON AND ON, BUT IT SEEMS THAT YOU HAVE A LONG LIST OF AGENDA  
13 TODAY, I WOULD STOP BY SAYING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE  
14 MY CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE COUNTY AND WILL COOPERATE  
15 ACCORDINGLY AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOU. THANK  
16 YOU VERY MUCH.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ] [ MIXED  
19 VOICES ]

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE NOW HAVE THE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH. IT'S  
22 OUR PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE MARCH 2003 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH,  
23 KRISTINA HAJJAR. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** KRISTINA, AN 11-YEAR VETERAN OF THE COUNTY  
2    OF LOS ANGELES, IS A TRAINING AND COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST  
3    WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. HER DUTIES INCLUDE PUBLISHING "ON  
4    THE LINE" THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, SUPPORTING  
5    THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE REGARDING COMMUNICATIONS-RELATED ISSUES,  
6    ASSISTING WITH MAJOR MEDIA PROJECTS SUCH AS SAFE HAVEN TASK  
7    FORCE, ENDING THE QUARTERLY MAGAZINE, EDITING THE QUARTERLY  
8    MAGAZINE AND COORDINATING THE FLOW OF INFORMATION TO AND FROM  
9    THE DEPARTMENT. KRISTINA COORDINATES EMPLOYEE-RELATED EVENTS  
10    FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING MARCH OF DIMES, THE  
11    CHARITABLE GIVING CAMPAIGN, THE LUPUS RACE FOR LIFE, AND WHILE  
12    SERVING AS A LIAISON FOR THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
13    FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S WIDOWS. SHE  
14    CREATES SUPPORT INFORMATION MATERIALS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT  
15    FAMILIES. SHE HAS DISPLAYED HER COMMUNITY ACTIVISM THROUGH HER  
16    PARTICIPATION AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE  
17    GLENDORA WELFARE ASSOCIATION WHERE THEY ASSIST UNEMPLOYED OR  
18    HOMELESS RESIDENTS WITH HOUSING AND OTHER DOMESTIC NEEDS. IN  
19    RECOGNITION OF THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, YOUR DEDICATION AND HARD  
20    WORK, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO CONGRATULATE AND PRESENT THIS SCROLL  
21    TO YOU AS MARCH EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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23    **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, WHILE YOU'RE MAKING THAT  
24    PRESENTATION, I WOULD JUST ADD THAT KRISTINA WAS ALSO VERY,  
25    VERY HELPFUL TO US IN THE EXPANSION OF THE SAFE SURRENDER BABY



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1 PROGRAM WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND KRISTINA, WE REALLY  
2 APPRECIATE ALL YOUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THOSE YOUNG LIVES.  
3 THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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5 **COUNTY FIRE CHIEF FREEMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AS THE FIRE  
6 CHIEF, IT CERTAINLY IS A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO HAVE ONE OF OUR  
7 EMPLOYEES SELECTED AS EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH, GIVEN  
8 THE NEARLY 90,000 COUNTY EMPLOYEES, THAT'S QUITE A  
9 DISTINCTION. KRISTINA IS A VERY COMMITTED AND DEDICATED HARD  
10 WORKER, VERY TALENTED AND BRINGS A LOT OF SPECIAL TALENTS TO  
11 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, BUT HER PASSION REALLY AND TRULY IS SHOWN  
12 THROUGH WHEN IT COMES TO CONCERN FOR OTHERS, HELPING, WHETHER  
13 IT'S THE FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS, THE SAFE SURRENDER OF THE  
14 CHILDREN, THE LUPUS RACE AND SO FORTH. THAT HAPPENED ON AN  
15 EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, ALMOST BEFORE SUNRISE, I GOT OUT THERE  
16 AND THERE WAS KRISTINA, AND ALL FIRED UP FOR THAT RACE. AND IN  
17 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, WE LOVE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE FIRED UP, AND  
18 KRISTINA DEFINITELY IS FIRED UP, SO CONGRATULATIONS. [  
19 APPLAUSE ]

20

21 **KRISTINA HAJJAR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND ALL MEMBERS  
22 OF THE BOARD. I'M REALLY VERY OVERWHELMED BY THIS. I REALLY  
23 NEVER EXPECTED IT. I'M LOOKING OUT IN THE AUDIENCE AND I'M  
24 SEEING MEMBERS OF OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, FIRE FIGHTERS WHO PUT  
25 THEMSELVES IN HARM'S WAY EVERY DAY, AND I REALLY FEEL IT



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1 SHOULD BE ONE OF THEM UP HERE AND NOT ME, BUT WHAT I'VE COME  
2 TO REALIZE IN THE FIVE YEARS I'VE BEEN WITH THE FIRE  
3 DEPARTMENT IS THAT TEAM WORK IS ONE OF OUR CORE VALUES BUT  
4 IT'S ALIVE AND WELL EVERY DAY IN THE DEPARTMENT AND CIVILIANS  
5 PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ASSISTING THE FIRE FIGHTERS, WORKING  
6 BEHIND THE SCENES, AND THAT'S WHERE I BELONG AND THAT'S WHERE  
7 I WANT TO STAY. SO I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR  
8 RECOGNIZING ME TODAY AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. YES, I'D ALSO  
9 LIKE TO INTRODUCE MY OWN SUPPORT PERSON BEHIND THE SCENES, MY  
10 SPOUSE, GEORGE HAJJAR. HE'S BEEN TREMENDOUS, [ APPLAUSE ] HE  
11 OFTEN COMES WITH ME TO A LOT OF THE EVENTS AND HE HEARS ABOUT  
12 IT ALL AT THE END OF THE DAY AND I APPRECIATE HIS SUPPORT.  
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL IT'S WITH MUCH REGRET WE HAVE THIS  
16 NEXT PRESENTATION. I'D LIKE TO CALL MARJORIE KELLY UP.  
17 MARJORIE KELLY HAS 30 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE TO  
18 ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. HER CAREER  
19 BEGAN AS A SOCIAL WORKER IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, WHERE SHE  
20 ADVANCED TO DIRECTOR FOR THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
21 AND SOCIAL SERVICES. SHE THEN MOVED ON TO CALIFORNIA AS DEPUTY  
22 DIRECTOR FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES. SHE'S  
23 ALSO BEEN A CONSULTANT TO THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
24 AND TO L.A. COUNTY C.A.O. SERVICE INTEGRATION BRANCH. SHE IS  
25 NOW COMPLETING HER 8-MONTH TERM AS INTERIM DIRECTOR OF LOS





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1 ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.  
2 MARJORIE KELLY HAS BEEN A TIRELESS PROPONENT OF IMPORTANT  
3 INITIATIVES, INCLUDING FAMILY GROUP DECISION MAKING, WRAP-  
4 AROUND SERVICES, ALL DESIGNED TO ENHANCE FAMILY INVOLVEMENT  
5 AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.  
6 IN HER EIGHT MONTHS WITH THE COUNTY, SHE HAS OVERCOME NUMEROUS  
7 OBSTACLES TO GIVE HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN WHOSE ONLY OPTION HAS  
8 BEEN TO LIVE IN GROUP OR INSTITUTIONAL CARE THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
9 HAVE PERMANENT HOMES WITH FAMILIES. SHE'S ALSO ACCOMPLISHED  
10 SOMETHING THE DEPARTMENT HAD BELIEVED COULD NEVER BE DONE IN A  
11 SHORT TIME, THAT IS, SHE HELPED FIND A HOME FOR EVERY CHILD  
12 PLACED IN MACLAREN CHILDREN'S CENTER. NOW I HAVE THE  
13 OPPORTUNITY ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
14 ANGELES TO SAY THANKS TO MARJORIE KELLY FOR OUTSTANDING  
15 SERVICE TO ALL AND PARTICULARLY FOR ALL OF HER ASSISTANCE IN  
16 BRINGING US TO THIS POINT, WE APPRECIATE ALL YOUR HARD WORK  
17 AND THE THINGS THAT YOU'VE DONE.

18

19 **MARJORIE KELLY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ].

20

21 **MARJORIE KELLY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BURKE, AND I  
22 WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS WHO  
23 LENT THEIR SUPPORT EVERY MINUTE OF THE TIME THAT I WAS HERE,  
24 AND IT CERTAINLY MADE THE CHANGES POSSIBLE, SO I THANK YOU. I  
25 WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PEOPLE WHO REALLY DID THE



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1 WORK. IT WASN'T ME. I GET TO, AS THE DIRECTOR, SET THE COURSE.  
2 I DON'T DO THE WORK, AND SO I'D LIKE THE PEOPLE IN MY  
3 EXECUTIVE STAFF TO STAND AND FIRST AND FOREMOST IS JON  
4 OPPENHEIM, MY CHIEF DEPUTY, WHO HAS WORKED WITH ENORMOUS SKILL  
5 AND DAY AND NIGHT, VIRTUALLY, AND THANK YOU, JOHN. LEO EWE,  
6 THE HEAD OF OUR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SECTION. LEO CAN DO  
7 ANYTHING AND HAS BEEN CALLED UPON TO DO THAT MANY TIMES.  
8 MARIAM FODOMY TOOK HIS ACTING IN ONE OF OUR BUREAUS, OUR FIELD  
9 BUREAU AND HAS HAD AN UNREASONABLE JOB FOR A LONG PERIOD OF  
10 TIME AND HAS PERFORMED WONDERFULLY. AND THEN PAUL FREEDLAND IS  
11 HERE TODAY AND PAUL HAS TAKEN OVER OUR ADMINISTRATION SECTION.  
12 EACH OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE MADE THIS JOB POSSIBLE AND I GIVE  
13 YOU MY MOST HEARTY THANKS. [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO COMMEND MARGE FOR A SUPERB JOB  
16 AND PROVING WHAT MANY OF US HAD ALWAYS BEEN SAYING THAT  
17 COMPETENT MANAGEMENT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND WOULD MAKE A  
18 DIFFERENCE AND HAS MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE  
19 A DIFFERENCE WITH DOCTOR SANDERS COMING ON BOARD MARCH 24TH TO  
20 FOLLOW IN A GOOD BLUEPRINT THAT MARGE WAS ABLE TO LAY OUT  
21 WHICH HELPS FIND OUR CHILDREN THE NECESSARY LOVE AND CARE IN  
22 THESE HOMES AND BEGIN THE PROCESS OF EXPEDITING A FAIR  
23 ADOPTION PROCESS PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT THESE CHILDREN WILL  
24 HAVE A HOME. SO THANK YOU, MARGE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** AND MADAM CHAIR, I'D JUST ADD THAT IT'S BEEN AN  
2   ABSOLUTE JOY IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH  
3   MARGE AND HER STAFF AND WHAT THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO PULL  
4   TOGETHER IN THE MATTER OF MONTHS AND SET THE COURSE FOR THE  
5   DEPARTMENT AND JUST I WANT TO SAY HEARTFELT THANKS AND THE  
6   BEST OF LUCK, IMPROVE YOUR GOLF GAME, TOO.

7

8   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE'D LIKE TO CALL JOAN  
9   OUDERKIRK TOWARD. FOR 35 YEARS, JOAN OUDERKIRK HAS SERVED THE  
10   PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BEGINNING AS A PERSONNEL  
11   ANALYST IN THE THEN DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL. SHE HAS WORKED IN  
12   THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND WITH THE TREASURER AND TAX  
13   COLLECTOR. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
14   OFFICE. SHE GRADUATED FROM U.C.L.A. WITH A B.A. DEGREE AND IN  
15   1990 WENT ON TO WESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW FROM  
16   WHICH SHE GRADUATED AND WENT ON TO PASS THE BAR IN 1994. IN  
17   MARCH 1998, SHE BECAME DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY'S INTERNAL  
18   SERVICE DEPARTMENT. SHE HAS CONTROLLED ANNUAL BUDGETS OF MORE  
19   THAN 600 MILLION DOLLARS AND A WORK FORCE OF NEARLY 2500  
20   PEOPLE. SHE'S ALSO BEEN THE COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT. NOW,  
21   AFTER 35 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, JOAN OUDERKIRK IS  
22   RETIRING, AND IT'S WITH MIXED FEELINGS THAT WE SAY FAREWELL TO  
23   HER, WISH HER GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS AND ENJOYMENT ON  
24   BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, I'D LIKE TO  
25   EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK AND ALL THE



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1 THINGS YOU'VE CONTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. [  
2 APPLAUSE ]

3

4 **JOAN OUDERKIRK:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BURKE. I  
5 THINK IN 1968, WHEN I CAME FROM THE PREMIER COLLEGE IN THE  
6 REGION, U.C.L.A., A-HEM, I REALLY -- I HAD NO CONCEPT OF WHAT  
7 WOULD LIE BEFORE ME. I HAVE ENJOYED SEVEN DIFFERENT COUNTY  
8 DEPARTMENTS AND EXPERIENCES THAT HAVE BEEN JUST FABULOUS, AND  
9 IT'S BEEN WONDERFUL TO, AT THE VERY END OF THAT CAREER, HAVE  
10 THE LAST FIVE YEARS AS THE HEAD OF THE INTERNAL SERVICES  
11 DEPARTMENT. AND I DO WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR HAVING THE  
12 CONFIDENCE TO ALLOW ME TO HEAD UP THAT DEPARTMENT. I ALSO WANT  
13 TO THANK OUR MANY CUSTOMERS. JOHN MORREL IN FACT WAS ON A  
14 COMMITTEE, ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS, THAT ASSISTED US TO DEVELOP  
15 A NEW FOCUS AND BE MORE RESPONSIVE AND IT'S NOT ONLY THEIR  
16 THANKS AND THEIR PRAISE, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, THEIR  
17 CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM I THINK THAT HAS HELPED GUIDE US OVER  
18 THE LAST FEW YEARS. AND LASTLY, OF COURSE, IT'S ALL OF THE  
19 EMPLOYEES OF I.S.D., MY VERY SUPPORTIVE CHIEF DEPUTY, DAVE  
20 LAMBERTSON, WHO LATELY HAS ASSISTED WITH CRUTCHES, BUT DONE  
21 EVERYTHING ELSE TO KEEP THE DEPARTMENT RUNNING; MY LONG  
22 SUFFERING SECRETARY, LORRAINE MITCHELL, WHO HAS SERVED WITH ME  
23 FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS; OUR EXECUTIVE STAFF, OUR SENIOR MANAGERS,  
24 AND EVERY SINGLE ONE OF OUR EMPLOYEES WHO I BELIEVE HAVE TAKEN  
25 TO HEART THE IDEA OF NOT ONLY PUBLIC SERVICE, BUT CUSTOMER



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1 SERVICE IN DOING THE VERY BEST WE CAN FOR THE COUNTY  
2 DEPARTMENTS. SO I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS HONOR AND THIS  
3 RECOGNITION. [ APPLAUSE ]

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE JUST WANT TO WISH JOAN WELL. IT'S BEEN  
6 A PLEASURE WORKING WITH HER AND WE WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS  
7 IN HER NEW VENTURES, WHICH WILL INCLUDE WHAT?

8

9 **JOAN OUDERKIRK:** TRAVELING.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TWO HEALTHY LEGS?

12

13 **JOAN OUDERKIRK:** YES, [ INAUDIBLE ].

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OH GOOD, GOOD, WELL WHEN YOU'RE WATCHING AT  
16 HOME, YOU CAN STILL CALL THAT TELEPHONE NUMBER, 562-728-4644  
17 AND WE HAVE SOME MORE. [ LAUGHTER ] [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND JOHN MORREL, WE WANTED TO ASK HIM TO  
20 COME FORWARD. JOHN MORREL IS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE  
21 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND PROVIDED  
22 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
23 ANGELES FOR 41 YEARS. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH THE COUNTY IN  
24 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AS A TYPIST CLERK,  
25 ADVANCED THROUGH NUMEROUS LEVELS TO REACH HIS PRESENT





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1 POSITION. ON THE WAY HE BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN IN  
2 THE HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO RISE THROUGH THE RANKS FROM  
3 TYPIST CLERK TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. HE HAS ALSO ACHIEVED HIS  
4 PERSONAL GOAL OF PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES AND ADVANCEMENT TO  
5 HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE OF ALL RACES AND ETHNIC GROUPS WHO  
6 DEMONSTRATED THEIR ABILITY, DESIRE, AND COMMITMENT TO SERVE  
7 THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE'S ALSO INSPIRED MANY  
8 OTHERS TO EXCEL BY HIS PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO THE BELIEF THAT  
9 IT'S BETTER TO BE PREPARED FOR AN OPPORTUNITY AND NOT HAVE ONE  
10 THAN TO HAVE ONE AND NOT BE PREPARED. AS ALWAYS, WHEN THE  
11 COUNTY LOSES THE SERVICE OF A DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVANT,  
12 IT'S WITH MIXED FEELINGS, BUT WE WISH JOHN MORREL A FULL  
13 MEASURE OF HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND ENJOYMENT IN HIS RETIREMENT.  
14 I THANK HIM MOST SINCERELY FOR THE DEDICATION HE HAS SHOWN AND  
15 REMIND HIM THAT OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE IS NEVER FORGOTTEN  
16 AND THAT THE COUNTY MAY CALL UPON HIM IN THE FUTURE. [  
17 LAUGHTER ]

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

20  
21 **JOHN MORREL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I'D LIKE TO JUST TAKE  
22 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE  
23 BOARD FOR HAVING HAD SUCH A MARVELOUS CAREER, A CAREER THAT  
24 HAS GIVEN ME THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN A LIVING WHILE  
25 HELPING OTHER PEOPLE. YOU KNOW, IT'S VERY UNIQUE TO HAVE A



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1 CAREER THAT I ONCE TOLD SUPERVISOR KNABE I WOULD HAVE DONE FOR  
2 FREE, UNDER SOME CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
3 MAKE A LIVING WHILE HELPING MY FELLOW MAN, AND FOR THIS I'M  
4 VERY GRATEFUL TO THIS COUNTY AND THE PEOPLE IN IT. I'D LIKE TO  
5 JUST TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ALSO THANK MY NEW ENERGETIC  
6 DIRECTOR, BRYCE YOKOMIZO, AND THE NEW LEADERSHIP OF OUR NEW  
7 CHIEF DEPUTY, LISA NUNEZ, AND I'D LIKE TO ALSO RECOGNIZE MY  
8 80-YEAR-OLD MOM WHO INSPIRED ME TO GO GET A COUNTY JOB AND  
9 "MAKE SURE YOU WORK HARD!" [ APPLAUSE ]

10

11 **JOHN MORREL:** AND LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, THE HARD  
12 WORKING MANAGERS IN D.P.S.S., SOME OF WHOM ARE HERE TODAY.  
13 WITHOUT THEM OVER THIS LAST 41 YEARS, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN EVEN  
14 MORE CHALLENGED. SO I LEAVE THE DEPARTMENT IN GREAT HANDS, I  
15 LEAVE THE COUNTY WITH ITS CHALLENGES, BUT I KNOW THAT THEY'RE  
16 UP TO THE CHALLENGE WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS BOARD AND THE  
17 DEPARTMENT HEADS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, WHILE YOU'RE DOING THOSE PICTURES, I  
20 JUST WANTED TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL THANKS TO JOHN AS WELL FOR  
21 HIS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT AND WORKING WITH THE  
22 VARIOUS BOARD OFFICES AND ALWAYS WILLING TO LOOK AT NEW IDEAS  
23 AND WAYS TO DELIVER THE SERVICE. SO JOHN, BEST WISHES.

24



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE ALSO WANT TO WISH JOHN CONTINUED  
2   SUCCESS IN HIS RETIREMENT. HE'S BEEN VERY GOOD TO WORK WITH  
3   OUR OFFICE, OUR DEPUTIES ENJOYED THE OPPORTUNITY OF WORKING  
4   WITH YOU IN SERVING OUR COUNTY.

5

6   **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL  
7   SERVICES WE'D LIKE TO ALSO JOIN THE BOARD IN RECOGNIZING JOHN  
8   TODAY AND JUST THANK HIM VERY, VERY MUCH FOR ALL HIS 41 YEARS  
9   OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTY. THANKS  
10   VERY MUCH, JOHN, AND BEST WISHES ON A WELL-DESERVED  
11   RETIREMENT.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE EVEN OUTSERVED KENNY HAHN, BY ONE YEAR. [  
14   LIGHT LAUGHTER ]

15

16   **JOHN MORREL:** SUPERVISOR BURKE REMINDED ME OF SOMETHING THAT'S  
17   REALLY IMPORTANT, AND THAT I HAD NEGLECTED TO MENTION SOMEONE  
18   THAT CERTAINLY HAS BEEN A MAJOR SUPPORTER OF ANY EFFORTS THAT  
19   I'VE MADE IN THE COUNTY, AND SHE CONTINUES IN I.S.D. TO DO  
20   THAT, AND THAT'S MY SIGNIFICANT OTHER, CRYSTAL MORREL AND MY -  
21   - MY SPOUSE, CRYSTAL MORREL. [ APPLAUSE ].

22

23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** JOHN, YOU ALMOST GOT OFF TO A ROUGH START IN THAT  
2   RETIREMENT BY FORGETTING THAT. OOH. YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN BACK  
3   TO WORK IN ABOUT SEVEN DAYS. [ LAUGHTER ].

4

5   **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, FOLLOWING THAT UP, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF  
6   THE BOARD, I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT MEDIATION WEEK. TODAY WE  
7   ARE RECOGNIZING THE GREAT SUCCESS OF OUR COUNTY'S DISPUTE  
8   RESOLUTION PROGRAMS. THESE PROGRAMS HAVE BECOME A VALUABLE  
9   PUBLIC SERVICE AND TO THE COURTS AS WELL AS TO THE PUBLIC BY  
10  PROVIDING AN ALTERNATE MEANS TO DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS, EXCUSE  
11  ME, OUTSIDE OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM. LAST YEAR, THE 12 COMMUNITY-  
12  BASED AGENCIES AND SIX PUBLIC ENTITIES SERVED OVER 24,749  
13  COUNTY RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND ORGANIZATIONS RESOLVING  
14  ALMOST 8,300 CASES. I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE OUT THERE WATCHING  
15  THIS PROGRAM AND IN THE AUDIENCE, TO USE THIS VALUABLE PROGRAM  
16  WHENEVER POSSIBLE. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO PRESENT THE  
17  PROCLAMATION TO JOSIE MARQUEZ, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY  
18  AND SENIOR SERVICES, MAY KINGIE, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY  
19  SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND ESTER SORIANO, HEAD OF  
20  MEDIATION SERVICES, PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 16TH THROUGH  
21  THE 22ND AS MEDIATION WEEK IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND AFTER  
22  THAT, WE'RE GOING TO PAY SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO SOME VERY  
23  IMPORTANT INDIVIDUALS. OKAY. NOW WE'D LIKE TO PAY SPECIAL  
24  RECOGNITION TO THE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS AND CASES THAT HAVE  
25  DEMONSTRATED THE SUCCESS OF OUR GREAT DISPUTE RESOLUTION



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1 PROGRAM. THE FIRST PRESENTATION'S TO DANIEL LEYVA, WHO IS THIS  
2 YEAR'S OUTSTANDING YOUTH VOLUNTEER. DANIEL IS A HIGH SCHOOL  
3 STUDENT AT FOSHAY LEARNING CENTER, WAS NOMINATED BY THE  
4 ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER, AND WHICH IS  
5 REPRESENTED BY NAJIBE SAYED MILLER, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE  
6 DIRECTOR. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** NEXT IS BARRY SIMON, HE'S THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENT OF  
9 THE BILL HOBBS OUTSTANDING ADULT VOLUNTEER AWARD. BARRY HAS  
10 MEDIATED MORE THAN 60 CASES BETWEEN JUVENILE OFFENDERS AND  
11 THEIR VICTIMS AND WAS NOMINATED BY SENTINEL VALLEY JUVENILE  
12 DIVERSION PROJECT REPRESENTED BY ALVIN VILLIN, THE WAIVER  
13 PROGRAM COORDINATOR. BARRY? [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. WE'RE ON DIGITAL NOW, HUH? AND LAST BUT  
16 NOT LEAST, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE OUTSTANDING CASE AWARD  
17 WHICH GOES TO THE LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL CENTER FOR CONFLICT  
18 RESOLUTION FOR THE WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND HIS LIFE'S  
19 POSSESSIONS CASE. AFTER A SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED SEPARATION  
20 FROM HIS SPOUSE, AN 85-YEAR-OLD VETERAN WAS FACING EVICTION.  
21 IN ADDITION, ALL OF HIS LIFE'S POSSESSIONS HAD BEEN FORCEFULLY  
22 REMOVED AND PLACED IN STORAGE UNDER A DIFFERENT NAME. A  
23 BALANCE WAS OWED ON THE STORED ITEMS AND WOULD NOT BE RELEASED  
24 UNTIL THE BALANCE WAS PAID IN FULL. OVER A PERIOD OF THREE  
25 MONTHS, THE MEDIATOR FACILITATED DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN ALL





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1 PARTIES INVOLVED AND, IN THE END, THE VETERAN RECEIVED ALL OF  
2 HIS POSSESSIONS AND AVOIDED EVICTION. SO ACCEPTING THE AWARD  
3 IS PROFESSOR MARY CULBERT, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; AND THE  
4 MEDIATOR, MR. DANIEL PASS. CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

5

6 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. IT'S A DISTINCT PLEASURE TO RECEIVE  
7 THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TODAY ABOUT MEDIATION WEEK IN THE COUNTY  
8 OF LOS ANGELES. I SHARE THIS WITH MY DEPARTMENT HEAD MR.  
9 ROBERT RYANS, WHO COULD NOT BE HERE TODAY AND ALSO THE STAFF  
10 AND MANAGEMENT THAT OPERATE THESE PROGRAMS COUNTY-WIDE.  
11 ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAMS HELP CONFLICT IN THE  
12 COMMUNITY AND WE APPRECIATE ALL THE EFFORTS OF THOSE THAT WERE  
13 ACKNOWLEDGED HERE TODAY AND OTHER PRACTITIONERS. THANK YOU  
14 VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU TO THE DEPARTMENT, AND I  
17 KNOW THAT IT MAY APPEAR TO ALL OF YOU THAT THIS WAS A  
18 CERTIFICATE, BUT THESE FOLKS IN THIS WHOLE MEDIATION PROGRAM  
19 OFFERS A LOT OF SOLUTIONS TO THE RESIDENTS OF THIS GREAT  
20 COUNTY AND THEY DO AN INCREDIBLE JOB AND SAVE US THOUSANDS OF  
21 DOLLARS EACH AND EVERY YEAR, SO WE THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? WHILE YOU'RE  
24 BEGINNING, WE'RE GOING TO ASK FOR A REPORT ON THE WHOLE ISSUE  
25 OF THE HOMELESS THAT WAS RAISED IN THE NEWSPAPER TODAY IN



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1 TERMS OF WHETHER OR NOT THE COUNTY IS MAKING ITS FAIR  
2 CONTRIBUTION TO ADDRESSING THE ISSUES OF THE HOMELESS, AND SO  
3 I'M GOING TO ASK THE C.A.O. AND ALSO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT  
4 TO GIVE A REPORT, TO JUST GIVE A REAL IDEA OF THE EXTENT TO  
5 WHICH THE COUNTY IS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO L.A.H.S.A. AS WELL  
6 AS THE HOMELESS, AND SO WE'LL BE DOING THAT LATER WHEN WE COME  
7 BACK.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, THIS IS A --  
10 THE PAST MONTH WE'VE HAD IN MARCH IS THE -- WE HAVE  
11 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE IRANIAN AMERICAN PARENTS ASSOCIATION  
12 OF BEVERLY HILLS TODAY TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON THE IRANIAN NEW  
13 YEAR'S CELEBRATION OF THE YEAR 1382. ALTHOUGH IRANIAN NEW  
14 YEARS OFFICIALLY BEGINS BEFORE 5:00 P.M. ON MARCH 20TH, THE  
15 ASSOCIATION CELEBRATION WAS HELD THIS PAST MARCH 3RD AT THE  
16 REGENT BEVERLY WILSHIRE HOTEL WITH TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND  
17 DANCING. PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENT ARE BEING DONATED TO THE  
18 BEVERLY HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE BEVERLY HILLS COMMUNITY  
19 SPORTS CENTER AND THE MAPLE COUNSELING CENTER. SINCE A  
20 COMMENDED TIMES OVER 4,000 YEARS AGO, NEW YEAR'S DAY HAS BEEN  
21 CELEBRATED AS THE GREATEST IRANIAN NATIONAL FESTIVAL AS IT  
22 MARKS THE FIRST DAY OF THE IRANIAN SOLAR YEAR. AND JOINING US  
23 TODAY FROM THE IRANIAN AMERICAN PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF BEVERLY  
24 HILLS ARE DR. BERNINA, WHO IS THE AMERICAN PARENTS ASSOCIATION  
25 PRESIDENT; MRS. NORINIAN, WHO IS THE AMERICAN PARENTS



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1 ASSOCIATION'S VICE PRESIDENT; MISS CORD, WHO IS THE MEDIA  
2 COORDINATOR; AND ALI PERENIA, WHO IS THE AMERICAN MEMBER OF  
3 THE AMERICAN PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEMBER. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY  
4 A COUPLE YEARS AGO OF PARTICIPATING AT THE EVENT AT THE  
5 BEVERLY WILSHIRE AND IT'S WONDERFUL. THESE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO  
6 FLED OPPRESSION, WHO CAME TO THIS COUNTRY, KEPT THEIR CULTURE  
7 AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER BASED UPON FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY AND  
8 ARE NOW CONTRIBUTING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY SERVE,  
9 NOW MANY OF THEM AS AMERICAN CITIZENS, AND WE CONGRATULATE  
10 THEM AND WISH THEM A HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR. [ APPLAUSE ]

11

12 **AL PERNIA:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME'S AL PERNIA. ABOUT 10  
13 YEARS AGO, THE ORGANIZATION, THE I.A.P., IRANIAN AMERICAN  
14 PARENTS ASSOCIATION, WAS FORMED, WITH ONE OBJECTIVE: OUR  
15 BELIEF IS THAT THE GREATEST DISTANCE BETWEEN PEOPLE IS NOT THE  
16 SPACE THAT DIVIDES THEM, BUT THE CULTURE, THE DIFFERENT  
17 CULTURES THAT PEOPLE HAVE. AND THE OBJECTIVE OF THE IRANIAN  
18 AMERICAN PARENTS ASSOCIATION WAS TO HAVE EVENTS THAT WILL  
19 ALLOW PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER'S CULTURE BETTER. LAST  
20 MARCH 3RD, WE HAD AN EVENT AT THE BEVERLY WILSHIRE HOTEL.  
21 ALMOST 1,500 PEOPLE WERE THERE. WE SPECIFICALLY WANTED THE  
22 CITY EMPLOYEES, THE TEACHERS TO COME AND UNDERSTAND BETTER THE  
23 CULTURE THAT EXISTED OVER 3,000 YEARS AGO AND HOW THIS CULTURE  
24 TRIES TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER. IT'S CALLED NARUZ, IT'S THE  
25 FIRST DAY OF SPRING, IT'S THE IRANIAN NEW YEAR, AND BASICALLY



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1 IT'S A TIME WHEN OLD AND BROKEN FRIENDSHIPS ARE RENEWED AND  
2 LIGHT CONQUERS DARKNESS AND THE YOUNG PAY RESPECTS TO THE OLD.  
3 IT'S A BEAUTIFUL TIME. WE HAD OVER SIX HOURS OF CELEBRATIONS  
4 WITH MUSIC, ART, AND DANCING AND PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN TO A LOT  
5 OF BEVERLY HILLS PARTIES SAID THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST PARTIES  
6 THEY'VE BEEN TO. BUT THE REAL OBJECTIVE WAS TO TRY AND BRING  
7 PEOPLE TOGETHER BY UNDERSTANDING DIFFERENT CULTURES AND THEIR  
8 RICH HERITAGE. MY HOPE IS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WOULD  
9 DO SOMETHING IN L.A. COUNTY. THERE'S ALMOST 500,000 IRANIAN-  
10 AMERICANS IN L.A. COUNTY AND WE ARE ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING  
11 MELTING POTS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, AND TO BE ABLE TO LEARN  
12 FROM EACH OTHER AND UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER'S CULTURE AND THE  
13 RICH HERITAGE WE ALL BRING TO THIS GREAT CITY IS SOMETHING  
14 THAT I THINK WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO EVERYBODY. THANK YOU FOR  
15 THIS PLAQUE, MIKE. [ APPLAUSE ]

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE OF OUR OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE  
18 JUDICIARY HAS DECIDED TO RETIRE AFTER 14 YEARS ON THE BENCH  
19 SERVING AS A SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE. RICHARD SPANN HAS ENJOYED  
20 MANY CAREERS SINCE GRADUATING FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND  
21 SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE. WE HAVE THIS MORNING  
22 MANY STUDENTS HERE FROM SAINT FRANCIS WHO ARE NOW DETERMINING  
23 THEIR FUTURE, AND THIS IS AN EXAMPLE ON HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE  
24 GOING FROM ONE SUCCESSFUL CAREER TO ANOTHER. RICHARD BEGAN HIS  
25 FIRST CAREER AS AN ENGINEER WORKING FOR PROCTER AND GAMBLE



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1 WHERE HE DEVELOPED A NEW FORMULA FOR IVORY LIQUID SOAP.  
2 WANTING SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE CHALLENGING HE BECAME A ROCKET  
3 SCIENTIST STATIONED AT EDWARD'S AIR FORCE BASE WHERE HE WORKED  
4 ON THE FIRST MINUTE MAN MISSILE. WITH AEROSPACE WORK WINDING  
5 DOWN IN THE 1970S RICHARD THEN GRADUATED FROM LOYOLA LAW  
6 SCHOOL AND BECAME A LAWYER WORKING WITH A PRIVATE ATTORNEY AND  
7 ON HIS OWN BEFORE BEING NAMED TO THE BENCH IN 1989. NOW HE HAS  
8 COMBINED A SUCCESSFUL CAREER PLUS ALL OF THE TIME HE WAS DOING  
9 THIS, AND ONE OF HIS GREAT TRADES IS THAT HE'S ALSO INVOLVED  
10 IN THE COMMUNITY. HE TAKES TIME FOR THE COMMUNITY, HE HELPED  
11 US IMMENSELY IN HELPING WITH THE CHILDREN AND DEPENDENCY  
12 COURT, WITH THE NEEDS TO EXPAND THE COURT, TO HAVE INNOVATIVE  
13 WAYS OF EXPANDING A LIMITED COURT THAT WAS IN OPERATION UNTIL  
14 TODAY WE NOW HAVE A NEW COURTHOUSE THAT WILL BE OPENING IN  
15 OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR, AND WE APPRECIATED HIM FOR ALL OF THAT  
16 LEADERSHIP AND BEING A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL FOR OUR YOUNG  
17 PEOPLE. SO JUDGE SPANN, CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD BLESS YOU. [  
18 APPLAUSE ]

19

20 **JUDGE SPANN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE REST OF THE BOARD,  
21 I THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AFTER THAT INTRODUCTION, THERE'S NOT  
22 MUCH MORE I CAN SAY. ALSO I'D LIKE TO THANK MY WIFE OF 45  
23 YEARS, HARRIET, WHO REALLY WAS A GREAT PART OF ME BEING ABLE  
24 TO DO ANYTHING THAT I DID. SO THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. [  
25 APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP SOME  
3 OUTSTANDING STUDENTS FROM AN OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL IN THE  
4 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ALONG WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL, FATHER MATT  
5 ELSOFF, AND THESE ARE THE STUDENTS FROM SAINT FRANCIS HIGH  
6 SCHOOL IN LA CANADA WHO WERE THE RECIPIENTS OF THE ACADEMIC  
7 DECATHLON, WINNING THE 2003 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PRIVATE SCHOOL  
8 ACADEMIC DECATHLON. THEY CAME IN FIRST AMONG 18 SCHOOLS AT THE  
9 FEBRUARY 1ST DECATHLON. THE SEVEN MEMBERS COMPLETED IN SEVEN  
10 SUBJECTS, AN ESSAY, AN INTERVIEW, AND SPEECHES WITH THE SCORES  
11 OF THE TOP FINISHERS IN EACH CATEGORY COUNTING TOWARD THE  
12 TOTAL TEAM'S NUMBER. AND AS A RESULT, THEY WERE ABLE TO WIN,  
13 AND LET ME FIRST GIVE THIS TO FATHER ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD  
14 AND THEN I'M GOING TO PRESENT INDIVIDUAL SCROLLS TO EACH  
15 MEMBER, SO FATHER, CONGRATULATIONS. AND FATHER MARRIED MY  
16 DEPUTY GENE HOUSTON A COUPLE -- EIGHT MONTHS AGO, IT'S GOOD TO  
17 SEE YOU AGAIN. COACH RUDY TREJO, CONGRATULATIONS. JACKSON  
18 MUSKAR, CO-CAPTAIN. PATRICK MUSKAR, CO-CAPTAIN. ALEX DAVIS,  
19 SCHOLASTIC DIVISION. UTAH NAKAHISHI -- YAKANISHI. TOM EDWARDS,  
20 VARSITY DIVISION. JUSTIN KOPIO. AND EDDIE SAPITEO. FATHER AND  
21 THE COACH? IT'S FREE. NO COLLECTION. [ LIGHT LAUGHTER ]

22

23 **SPEAKER:** WELL I'D LIKE TO THANK COUNCILMAN ANTONOVICH AND HIS  
24 STAFF FOR THIS VERY, VERY MUCH APPRECIATED HONOR AND I ALSO  
25 WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PRESIDENT OF OUR SCHOOL, FATHER MATT,





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1 AND OUR PRINCIPAL, MR. TOM MORAN, WHO, ALONG WITH THE STAFF  
2 AND FACULTY, SUPPORTED ALL OF OUR EFFORTS. BUT MOST OF ALL,  
3 I'D LIKE TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WHO DID ALL THE WORK  
4 TO EARN THE HONORS THAT WE GOT, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU, FOR ALL  
5 OF YOU WHO ARE HERE, THAT THESE YOUNG MEN REPRESENT SO MUCH OF  
6 WHAT IS GOOD IN OUR YOUTH TODAY, AND BECAUSE OF THEM, I HAVE  
7 VERY GOOD HOPES FOR THE FUTURE. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NOW WE HAVE LITTLE MISSY, WHO'S 12 WEEKS  
10 OLD. SHE'S A LAB MIX AND LOOKING FOR A HOME. HERE'S LITTLE  
11 MISSY. LABS ARE THE MOST LOVEABLE DOGS THERE ARE, LIKE A  
12 LITTLE DOLL. SO ANYBODY AT HOME WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT MISSY, YOU  
13 CAN CALL AREA CODE 562-728-4644 OR, IN THE AUDIENCE, OR MAYBE  
14 SHE'D LIKE TO GO TO SAINT FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL, BE A MASCOT TO  
15 THE DECATHLON TEAM.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE  
18 PRESENTATIONS? THEN I'LL CALL UP MY SPECIALS. WE HAVE A SET  
19 ITEM AT 11:00? I'LL DO MY ADJOURNMENTS AND THEN WE WILL CALL  
20 THE SET ITEM. THEN I'LL -- I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
21 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT G. GUNZEL, WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE  
22 ROTARY CLUB OF LOS ANGELES. RETIRED PRESIDENT R.M. GUNZEL AND  
23 COMPANY. AND ATTORNEY SIDNEY LA BRANCH MERRITT. SHE'S SURVIVED  
24 BY HER HUSBAND, DR. BILL MERRITT, AND THREE CHILDREN. ALSO HER  
25 MOTHER, BARBARA LA BRANCH. SHE WAS A LONG-TIME FRIEND AND



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1 SHE'LL BE SORELY MISSED. LEE DENMAN THE III, A MORNINGSIDE  
2 HIGH SCHOOL HERO, A FORMER COLLEGE BASKETBALL STAR WHO  
3 RETURNED HOME TO TEACH YOUNGSTERS THE FINER POINTS OF A GAME  
4 HE LOVED. HE WAS SHOT AND KILLED ON FRIDAY IN FRONT OF HIS  
5 PARENTS' HOME IN INGLEWOOD BY A GANG MEMBER WHO MISTOOK HIM  
6 FOR A RIVAL GANG MEMBER. HE WAS KNOWN AS COACH LEE AT  
7 MORNINGSIDE HIGH SCHOOL, 23 YEARS OLD, SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS  
8 LEE DENMAN, JR. AND FRANCIS DENMAN, AND A SISTER LISA. RUBY  
9 MAY COX HAYNES, PASSED AWAY MARCH 1ST, 2003 AT THE AGE OF 90.  
10 SHE WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AND MEMBER  
11 OF FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH IN WATTS. SHE IS A PROUD MEMBER  
12 OF THE 138 STREET BLOCK CLUB, THE DOLLAR HEIGHTS SENIOR  
13 CENTER, 50/50 CLUB, THE MUSIC AND DRAMA CLUB AND SHE  
14 PARTICIPATED IN MANY ACTIVITIES IN THE BRAILLE CLASSES. SHE'S  
15 SURVIVED BY HER SISTER RHONDA COX HILL OF COMPTON AND A HOST  
16 OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS. JACKIE CALLOWAY PASSED AWAY MARCH  
17 1ST, 2003. A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT AND  
18 COMMUNITY AND POLITICAL ACTIVIST. SHE ORGANIZED AND OF COURSE  
19 A REALLY ACTIVE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AS WELL AS ACTIVE IN  
20 HER COMMUNITY AND WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH HER COUNCIL  
21 DISTRICT. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SISTER, ELAINE, FORMER --  
22 ACTUALLY A FORMER STAFF MEMBER AT THE CITY COUNCIL AND I THINK  
23 WAS COUNCIL MEMBER CUNNINGHAM AS WELL AS NATE HOLDEN. AND  
24 WILLIAM SIMON CHALDRESS, WHO PASSED AWAY MARCH 8TH. A LONG-  
25 TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT WHO'S SURVIVED BY HIS



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1 WIFE, STELLA M. CHALDRESS. AND DONALD JAMES RYAN, WHO PASSED  
2 AWAY SUDDENLY IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN, BELOVED BROTHER OF ROBERT  
3 RYANS, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR  
4 SERVICES.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO BE ON THAT, ALL MEMBERS.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS. AND I JUST RECEIVED  
9 INFORMATION ON RUTH SHORT, WHO WAS A VERY ACTIVE PERSON IN THE  
10 COMMUNITY, A FORMER COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTY  
11 TO THE STATE DISABILITY COMMISSION, A LONG-TIME EDUCATOR. AND  
12 WE'LL GET THE OTHER INFORMATION ON HER BECAUSE I'VE JUST  
13 RECEIVED THAT INFORMATION THAT SHE PASSED AWAY. SO ORDERED. WE  
14 HAVE A SET ITEM, S-1, AND WE'LL CALL THAT NOW. EMANCIPATION  
15 WEBSITE FOR FOSTER CHILDREN. OKAY, YES. NOT VERY LONG FROM  
16 NOW, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE KIND OF A SETUP HERE WHERE WE  
17 DON'T HAVE TO TURN AROUND AND LOOK. OKAY YES, UH-HUH.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** WON'T BE LONG NOW HUH.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAYBE IN ABOUT 45 YEARS, SOON AS THE BUDGET  
22 CHANGES. YES. I'M SORRY.

23

24 **PATRICIA CURRY:** SHALL WE START? GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS  
25 PATRICIA CURRY, I'M WITH THE COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND



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1 FAMILIES AND CHAIR THE EMANCIPATION COMMITTEE FOR THE  
2 COMMISSION. WHILE I REALIZE THAT TODAY IS NOT A DAY TO  
3 CELEBRATE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, WE'RE SORT OF EXCITED IN  
4 CELEBRATING ABOUT EMANCIPATION BECAUSE THIS WEBSITE AND THE  
5 FACT THAT IT'S READY TO BE KICKED OFF IS VERY EXCITING FOR ALL  
6 OF US WHO HAVE WORKED ON EMANCIPATION FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.  
7 IN TRYING TO THINK ABOUT THIS MORNING WHO THE PEOPLE WERE TO  
8 THANK FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN, I FELT SOMEWHAT LIKE THINKING  
9 ABOUT THE ACADEMY AWARDS AND SO I'LL TRY TO KEEP IT BRIEF  
10 'CAUSE THERE'S SO MANY PEOPLE THAT WERE INVOLVED AND I WANT TO  
11 MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE GET THANKED FOR THEIR EFFORTS. FIRST I  
12 WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR LISTENING TO THE  
13 COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES A YEAR AND A HALF AGO  
14 WHEN WE CAME AND TALKED ABOUT EMANCIPATION AND THE THINGS THAT  
15 WEREN'T WORKING, AND I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU TURNED THE  
16 LEADERSHIP OVER TO THE C.A.O. AND THANK THE C.A.O. FOR HIS  
17 LEADERSHIP IN TRYING TO PULL TOGETHER THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE  
18 TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN. THIS WEBSITE IS A RESULT OF THE BOARD'S  
19 EFFORT AND THE C.A.O.'S EFFORTS. IT'S ALSO THE RESULT OF A LOT  
20 OF PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER FROM VARIOUS DIFFERENT AGENCIES.  
21 CARLOS JACKSON WITH THE C.D.C., MARV SOUTHHARD WITH THE  
22 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, RICHARD SHUMSKY WITH PROBATION,  
23 MARGE KELLY AND JOHN OPPENHEIM AT D.C.F.S., ROBERT RYAN AT  
24 COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, AND I THINK I GOT JUST ABOUT  
25 EVERYBODY, AND ALL THE STAFF OVER AT THE C.A.O. THAT WORK FOR



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1 DAVID JANSSEN. THIS IS IMPORTANT -- THIS WEBSITE IS IMPORTANT  
2 BECAUSE IT ALLOWS US FINALLY TO ALL BE ON THE SAME PAGE WITH  
3 WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR I.L.P. SERVICES AND WHAT THEY'RE ELIGIBLE  
4 FOR. IN THE PAST, THERE WAS ALWAYS CONFUSION ABOUT WHO WAS  
5 ELIGIBLE AND WHAT KIDS WERE ELIGIBLE AND WHAT THEY MIGHT BE  
6 ABLE TO GET. NOW, YOUTH CARE PROVIDERS, ATTORNEYS, FRIENDS,  
7 RELATIVES, HEARING OFFICERS, SOCIAL WORKERS, PROBATION  
8 OFFICERS, ANYONE CAN PULL UP THE SITE AND GAIN THE MOST  
9 CURRENT INFORMATION ON WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR EMANCIPATING KIDS.  
10 I'LL TURN IT OVER TO BARISHA. ANOTHER ONE OF THE EXCITING  
11 THINGS THAT HAS HAPPENED AS A RESULT OF THE EMANCIPATION  
12 EFFORTS ON THE C.A.O. AND D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION IS THAT WE  
13 HIRED A FORMER FOSTER YOUTH TO BE AN I.L.P. OMBUDSMAN FOR THE  
14 YOUTH IN THE SYSTEM AND THAT'S BARISHA BLACK. BEFORE I TURN IT  
15 OVER TO HER, THOUGH, LET ME JUST SAY THAT WE'VE COME A LONG  
16 WAYS. THE EFFORTS OF ALL THE COUNTY AGENCIES WORKING TOGETHER  
17 ARE TRULY THE GOOD THINGS ABOUT WHAT THIS COUNTY CAN DO WHEN  
18 WE ALL COME TOGETHER AND WORK TOGETHER AND WORK TOGETHER WITH  
19 OUR PRIVATE PARTNERS AND WE HAVE A LONG WAYS TO GO IN GETTING  
20 THE EMANCIPATION WHERE WE WANT IT TO BE, BUT I THINK THAT  
21 WORKING TOGETHER CONTINUALLY, WE CAN GET THERE AND IT'S VERY  
22 EXCITED FOR WHAT WE CAN DO FOR THE 20,000 KIDS IN L.A. COUNTY  
23 WHO ARE I.L.P. ELIGIBLE. THE OTHER THING IS THE COMMISSION AND  
24 MYSELF LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE NEW DIRECTOR AND  
25 HOPEFULLY PREVENTING KIDS FROM COMING IN THE SYSTEM AND



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1 STAYING IN THE SYSTEM SO THAT WE WON'T HAVE 20,000 KIDS IN THE  
2 FUTURE TRYING TO EMANCIPATE. SO WE ALL WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
3 WORKING TOGETHER. BARISHA?

4

5 **BARISHA BLACK:** GOOD MORNING, I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I'M  
6 BARISHA BLACK, THE NEW EMANCIPATION OMBUDSMAN, AND THIS IS A  
7 VERY, VERY EXCITING TIME. SINCE THE WEBSITE HAS BEEN UP WE'VE  
8 BEEN ABLE TO SERVE 42% MORE YOUTH, AND IT'S BEEN REALLY VERY  
9 EXCITING. IT'S A GREAT WAY TO DO OUTREACH TO THE YOUTH. I USE  
10 THE WEBSITE A LOT, I'M ON THE WEBSITE, AND AS I LOOK AT THE  
11 WEBSITE, THE PICTURE THAT YOU'RE SEEING IS MY GRADUATION  
12 PICTURE FROM COLLEGE, AND I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FINISH  
13 COLLEGE WITHOUT I.L.P. RESOURCES, SO I REALLY UNDERSTAND HOW  
14 IMPORTANT AND CRUCIAL IT IS TO YOUTH, AND I'M HAPPY TO ROLL UP  
15 MY SLEEVES AND BE A PART OF THE SYSTEM, MAKING IT HAPPEN AND  
16 MAKING IT MORE ACCESSIBLE TO YOUTH AND MAKING A MORE FAIR AND  
17 EQUAL SYSTEM FOR YOUTH TO ACCESS, SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK  
18 YOU EVERYBODY.

19

20 **PATRICIA CURRY:** LET ME GO BACK FOR A MINUTE AND SPECIFICALLY  
21 THANK THE PEOPLE WHO WORKED SO HARD ON THE WEBSITE. DILLIS  
22 GARCIA WHO IS SITTING IN FRONT OF YOU DID AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT  
23 OF WORK TO GET THIS WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING. MICHAEL OLNICK AND  
24 DAVID MITCHELL, MICHAEL FROM D.C.F.S. AND DAVID FROM  
25 PROBATION, AND KATHY HAUS FROM THE C.A.O. AND THE LEADERSHIP





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1 OF SHARON WATSON COULD NOT HAVE MADE THIS POSSIBLE WITHOUT ALL  
2 THOSE PEOPLE. AND JOHN MCINTYRE FROM THE C.I.O.'S OFFICE.  
3 C.I.O. HAS BEEN EXTREMELY SUPPORTIVE AND HELPFUL OF ALL OF OUR  
4 EFFORTS. DILLIS, IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU WANT TO POINT OUT  
5 IN SPECIFIC TO THEM? MICHAEL? GO AHEAD MICHAEL.

6

7 **MIKE OLNICK:** OKAY, WOOPS. I'M MIKE OLNICK, CHIEF OF  
8 EMANCIPATION SERVICES FOR D.C.F.S. AND WE'RE REALLY QUITE  
9 PLEASED THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF ALL SORTS OF THINGS ON THIS  
10 WEB SITE THAT AND ITS YOUTH FRIENDLY, INCLUDING THE MULTI-  
11 LINGUAL RESOURCES. IT'S IN ENGLISH, IT'S IN SPANISH, AND IT'S  
12 ALSO IN A NUMBER -- I CAN'T EVEN COUNT HOW MANY OTHER  
13 LANGUAGES IT'S IN. SIX OTHER LANGUAGES. SO THAT IT'S AVAILABLE  
14 TO VIRTUALLY ANYBODY THAT NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT YOUTH CAN BE  
15 ELIGIBLE FOR AND HOW TO GO ABOUT GETTING THOSE THINGS THAT  
16 THEY NEED IN ORDER TO EMANCIPATE SUCCESSFULLY.

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18 **PATRICIA CURRY:** DILLIS DOES HAVE EXTRA PACKETS IF THERE IS  
19 ANYONE FROM THE PRESS THAT IS INTERESTED OR IF ANY OF YOU KNOW  
20 SOMEONE FROM THE PRESS THAT YOU WANT TO GIVE A PRESS RELEASE  
21 PACKET TO, DILLIS HAS EXTRA PACKETS. HOPEFULLY WE'LL GET IN  
22 THE PAPER FOR A CHANGE A LITTLE BIT OF POSITIVE PRESS ABOUT  
23 SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND PROBATION. [ MIXED  
24 VOICES ]

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD YOU SHOW US HOW TO GET ON? AND WE --  
2   DID YOU SHOW US HOW TO GET ON, HOW YOU GET ON TO THE SITE?

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4   **SPEAKER:** WWW.ILP.ONLINE. THERE'S A LINK ON L.A. KIDS.

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6   **MIKE OLNICK:** YES THERE'S A LINK ON L.A. KIDS.

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8   **SPEAKER:** ON THE PROBATION SITE.

9

10   **MIKE OLNICK:** NO IT'S NOT ON -- IT'S NOT ON THE L.A. COUNTY.

11

12   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I GUESS BASICALLY WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN IS  
13   THAT YOU NEED A LINK ON THE L.A. COUNTY WEBSITE THAT WHERE YOU  
14   COULD JUST GO DIRECTLY INTO IT.

15

16   **MIKE OLNICK:** SURE.

17

18   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I THINK -- CAN WE GET THAT DONE SO THAT  
19   -- BECAUSE, I MEAN, REMEMBERING THESE NAMES FOR WEBSITES I  
20   GUESS UNLESS SOMEONE HAS WRITTEN IT DOWN FOR YOU, GETS TO BE  
21   VERY DIFFICULT.

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23   **SUP. MOLINA:** THE THING IS THAT AGAIN, IT'S NICE THAT YOU CAN  
24   SEE IT, BUT I'M LOOKING FOR IT IN L.A. COUNTY WEBSITE, I WENT  
25   UNDER SEARCH, AND IT'S NOT IN THERE. I WENT INTO CHILDREN



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1 SERVICES AND I'VE GOT FOSTER PARENTING, BUT THAT'S IT. HOW DO  
2 YOU LINK IT? YOU SHOULD CONNECT IT FROM THE COUNTY SERVICES. I  
3 MEAN, UNLESS YOU KNOW THAT IT'S WWW.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT DOES I.L.P. ONLINE STAND FOR?

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7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT WILL BE LINKED TODAY, SUPERVISOR,  
8 SUPERIVOR.

9

10 **MIKE OLNICK:** WE'LL GET IT LINKED.

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12 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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14 **SUPERVISOR MOLINA:** IT'LL LINKED TODAY, GOOD.

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT'S JUST A SIMPLE MATTER. IT'S LINKED TO  
17 PROBATION, IT'S NOT TO A COUPLE OF THE OTHERS, JOHN SAID IT'LL  
18 BE DONE BY THE END OF THE DAY.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT DOES THE I.L.P. --

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22 **MIKE OLNICK:** I.L.P. STANDS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT --

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1   **MIKE OLNICK:** INDEPENDENT LIVING -- LIVING PROGRAM.

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3   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM ONLINE.

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5   **MIKE OLNICK:** YEAH ONLINE, RIGHT.

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7   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I SEE.

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9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES IT ALSO HAVE ACCESS TO THE EMPLOYMENT  
10 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS TO ASSIST WITH YOUTH EMPLOYMENT?

11

12   **MIKE OLNICK:** WE HAVE A NUMBER OF LINKS TO A VARIETY OF  
13 DIFFERENT AREAS. I'M NOT SURE DILLIS IF YOU CAN GET TO THE --

14

15   **SPEAKER:** I'M SORRY, BUT I'M HAVING TROUBLE OPENING SOME OF  
16 THIS --

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18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PARDON?

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20   **MIKE OLNICK:** AND WE SEEM TO BE HAVING SOME TECHNICAL  
21 DIFFICULTIES OPENING UP SOME OF THE --

22

23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, THOSE THINGS TAKE A WHILE TO GET THEM  
24 ALL PUT TOGETHER. WE UNDERSTAND THAT.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN ALSO IT WILL CONTAIN COLLEGE  
2   INFORMATION SUCH AS SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS.

3

4   **MIKE OLNICK:** YES. AND AS WE GET MORE FEEDBACK IN TERMS OF  
5   WHAT'S NEEDED WE'VE BEEN CONSTANTLY ADDING TO IT, SO IT WILL  
6   CONTINUE TO BE A WORK IN PROGRESS, BUT WE DID WANT YOU TO SEE  
7   WHAT WE HAD ACCOMPLISHED IN TERMS OF GETTING THE WORD OUT, IN  
8   TERMS OF ELIGIBILITY AND THOSE KINDS OF THINGS, AND THEN THE  
9   LINKS TO THE VARIOUS THINGS, BUT --

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11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAY I ASK A QUESTION?

12

13   **MIKE OLNICK:** YEAH, SURE.

14

15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL FOSTER CHILDREN, AFTER A CERTAIN AGE,  
16   ARE ENTITLED TO A COMPUTER, THEY GET A COMPUTER, DON'T THEY?

17

18   **MIKE OLNICK:** NO, NO, NOW WE -- WE DON'T HAVE UNLIMITED FUNDS  
19   AND SO WE'VE HAD TO -- WE'VE ACTUALLY COME UP WITH A SPENDING  
20   PLAN THAT DELINEATES A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT AREAS THAT WE'RE  
21   ABLE TO FUND IN. ONE OF THOSE AREAS IS COMPUTERS, BUT WE DID  
22   NOT BUDGET FOR EVERY YOUTH. WE HAVE 20,000 YOUTH THAT ARE  
23   ELIGIBLE AND WE ONLY HAVE AN 18-MILLION-DOLLAR I.L.P. BUDGET.  
24   30% OF THAT GOES FOR HOUSING. WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PURCHASE  
25   COMPUTERS FOR EVERYBODY. SO WHAT WE'VE DONE IS WE'VE TRIED TO



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1 IDENTIFY THOSE YOUTH WHO NEED ONE IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO  
2 SUCCEED IN SCHOOL. IT'S REALLY NOT A -- IT'S A NEED-BASED  
3 PROGRAM, IT'S NOT AN ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO MAYBE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE SHOULD  
6 ALL BE WORKING ON IS TRY TO IDENTIFY DONORS WHO WOULD PROVIDE  
7 COMPUTERS TO FOSTER CHILDREN, BECAUSE I WONDER HOW THEY WOULD  
8 ACCESS ALL THIS INFORMATION IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE A COMPUTER  
9 AVAILABLE. THEY COULD GO TO THE LIBRARY, I SUPPOSE, TO GET IT,  
10 OR AT SCHOOL.

11

12 **PATRICIA CURRY:** YES.

13

14 **MIKE OLNICK:** RIGHT. WE ALSO HAVE SEVERAL TRANSITIONAL RESOURCE  
15 CENTERS AND THEY CAN GO THERE TO LINK UP TO THE INTERNET AND  
16 GET -- TO LOOK THERE TO SEE WHAT'S AVAILABLE.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WE HAVE A  
19 SATELLITE OFFICE WITH E.D.C., THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE  
20 COMMUNITY, AND WE ACCESS ALL OF THE JOBS THAT ARE AVAILABLE  
21 THAT THEY CAN USE, AND I BELIEVE WE ALSO HAVE IT IN A FEW  
22 OTHER COMMUNITIES. THE QUESTION IS, HOW MANY COMPUTERS ARE YOU  
23 SHORT FOR THE CHILDREN THAT ARE EMANCIPATED?

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1 **MIKE OLNICK:** FOR THOSE THAT ARE EMANCIPATING, WE HAVE ABOUT  
2 1200 THAT EMANCIPATE YEARLY, SO WE PROBABLY COULD USE -- I  
3 THINK WE HAD ABOUT 600 COMPUTERS THIS YEAR, SO WE HAD ABOUT  
4 HALF.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABOUT HALF?

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8 **MIKE OLNICK:** RIGHT.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT IS THE -- SO WHAT IS THE PRICE OF A  
11 COMPUTER?

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13 **MIKE OLNICK:** WE'VE BEEN GIVING LAPTOPS, WHICH ARE ABOUT 1200  
14 DOLLARS A PIECE.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** APPROXIMATELY 1200, SO ABOUT 7200 DOLLARS A  
17 YEAR THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT?

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19 **MIKE OLNICK:** 1200 TIMES 600 WOULD BE?

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 72,000.

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23 **PATRICIA CURRY:** 72,000.

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25 **MIKE OLNICK:** I DON'T HAVE MY CALCULATOR WITH ME, I'M --



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. 72,000, WE EACH PUT UP --

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4 **MIKE OLNICK:** IS IT 72,000?

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S 12,000 FOR EVERY 10, AND SO FOR EVERY  
7 HUNDRED, IT'S 120,000, IT'S --

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO ABOUT 16,000. MIKE OLNICK: YEAH.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW -- WHAT IS THE DELAY TIME IN HAVING  
12 THE COMPUTER FROM THE TIME YOU ORDER IT?

13

14 **MIKE OLNICK:** WELL WE'VE BEEN GOING -- IT TAKES ABOUT SIX TO  
15 EIGHT DAYS FROM THE TIME THAT YOU ORDER THE COMPUTER FOR IT TO  
16 COME, SO THROUGH OUR PROCUREMENT PROCESS, IT PROBABLY TAKES  
17 THREE OR FOUR WEEKS.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DON'T WE EXPLORE A MECHANISM WHERE WE USE  
20 \$15,000 FROM EACH DISCRETIONARY ACCOUNT TO ENSURE THAT EVERY -  
21 -

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK IT'S A MILLION DOLLARS WE'D HAVE TO  
24 IDENTIFY.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, IF WE'RE ALREADY PROVIDING 600,

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3    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOR COMPUTERS?

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5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF YOU'RE 600 SHORT ANNUALLY -- WE'RE TALKING  
6    ABOUT ANNUALLY?

7

8    **MIKE OLNICK:** MMM-HMM.

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10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT A 15,000 DOLLAR  
11   APPROPRIATION ANNUALLY FROM EACH OF THE OFFICES, AND THAT'S A  
12   MANAGEABLE NUMBER. WHY DON'T YOU DO THIS. WHY DON'T YOU GET US  
13   THOSE NUMBERS AND --

14

15   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT'S THREE-QUARTERS OF A MILLION, NOT 72,000,  
16   'CAUSE ITS THREE-QUARTERS OF A MILLION.

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18   **SUP. KNABE:** 720,000 NOT 72,000 'CAUSE ITS 600 -- YOU SAID 600  
19   TIMES 1200 THAT'S 720,000 NOT 72,000. [ MIXED VOICES ]

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21   **PATRICIA CURRY:** ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WANTED TO LOOK AT  
22   DOING IS FIND A DONOR TO MAKE UP THE COMPUTERS THAT WE NEED,  
23   AND I THINK THAT ONCE WE GET SOME OF THE MAJOR STEPS FOR  
24   EMANCIPATION ACCOMPLISHED, WE CAN THEN START LOOKING AT THE  
25   DONORS THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE OUT THERE AND DONATE COMPUTERS.



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1 THE OTHER THING THAT WE'RE HOPING TO DO IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
2 THIS WEB SITE IS GIVE EACH OF THE YOUTH AN EMAIL ADDRESS THAT  
3 THEY COULD KEEP UNTIL THEY'RE AGED 21. IT WOULD ALLOW US TO DO  
4 A COUPLE OF THINGS. IT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO USE THEIR EMAIL  
5 ADDRESS, IT WOULD ALLOW US TO SEND BROADCAST MESSAGES ABOUT  
6 NEW SERVICES OR NEW PROCEDURES THAT WERE ON-LINE AND IT WOULD  
7 ALSO ALLOW US TO KEEP TRACK OF WHERE THE KIDS ARE SO THAT WE  
8 KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM OR WHERE THEY GO, IF THEY'RE IN THE  
9 STATE, OUT OF THE STATE OR WHERE THEY ARE AFTER THEY  
10 EMANCIPATE.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT WE COULD  
13 PARTNER WITH SOME OF THE PRIVATE --

14

15 **PATRICIA CURRY:** I AGREE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GROUPS AND AGENCIES AND COMPUTER COMPANIES  
18 AND A COMBINATION OF THE FIVE OFFICES, ALONG WITH THE PUBLIC  
19 PARTNERSHIP, WE COULD ACHIEVE THAT -- YOUR 720,000.

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21 **PATRICIA CURRY:** I THINK THAT'S TRUE, THAT'S TRUE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PERHAPS YOU COULD PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH SOME  
24 FINANCIAL BREAKDOWNS AND ALSO A LIST OF, YOU KNOW, FROM  
25 MICHAEL MILKINS' GROUP THAT HE HAS ESTABLISHED. WE HAVE THE



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1 RHODE FOUNDATION, I MEAN THERE ARE A NUMBER OF FOUNDATIONS OUT  
2 THERE, AND IF EACH ONE PUTS UP A HANDFUL OF DOLLARS, WE CAN  
3 ACHIEVE THAT 720,000 DOLLARS.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IF WE COULD GET A COMMITMENT FOR A MILLION  
6 DOLLARS A YEAR, OR 750,000 A YEAR FOR EACH YEAR FROM ONE OF  
7 THESE FOUNDATIONS, THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE A BIG STEP, BUT, YOU  
8 KNOW, WE REALLY SHOULD, IF WE HAVE THE RIGHT KIND OF  
9 RELATIONSHIP WITH SOME OF THE COMPANIES, THEY SHOULD GIVE IT  
10 TO US FOR MUCH LESS THAN 1200 DOLLARS, THEY SHOULD BE WILLING  
11 TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO US FOR -- AT A LOWER PRICE AND THEN IF  
12 WE COULD GET A FOUNDATION TO --

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, THEY DONATE  
15 COMPUTERS NOW?

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO THEY?

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19 **MIKE OLNICK:** I DON'T THINK SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON HAS BEEN  
20 DONATING MUCH OF ANYTHING IN THE LAST YEAR OR TWO SINCE THE  
21 ENERGY CRISIS. BUT WE HAVEN'T APPROACHED THEM. I USED TO WORK  
22 WITH THEM QUITE A BIT, AND THEY STOPPED GIVING MOST  
23 EVERYTHING. THEY USED TO GIVE KIDS I.L.P. SCHOLARSHIPS, AND  
24 THEY STOPPED DOING THAT AS WELL.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, I THINK WE KNOW WHAT WE REALLY NEED  
2    TO DO, WE NEED TO GET OUT THERE AND FIND EITHER --

3

4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH THEY CAME TO OUR OFFICE AND ASKED FOR  
5    AGENCIES TO DONATE TO, EDISON DID.

6

7    **MIKE OLNICK:** OH. OKAY. GOOD.

8

9    **BARISHA BLACK:** WELL I JUST WANTED TO SAY ON BEHALF OF THE  
10    YOUTH, THANK YOU, GUYS, FOR LOOKING AT WAYS TO SUPPORT THEM  
11    AND GET THEM COMPUTERS. I THINK THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT.

12

13    **PATRICIA CURRY:** THANK YOU.

14

15    **MIKE OLNICK:** THANK YOU.

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17    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M GOING  
18    TO CALL ON SUPERVISOR KNABE OUT OF -- NOW BECAUSE HE HAS SOME  
19    PEOPLE ON 5, EVEN THOUGH THAT ITEM IS GOING TO BE CONTINUED OR  
20    REFERRED BACK, OR HOW IS THAT GOING TO --

21

22    **SUP. KNABE:** WELL I THINK WE HAD SOME PEOPLE COME DOWN TO  
23    TESTIFY TODAY, AND THIS ITEM MAY BE CONTINUED, AND IF THEY  
24    WANTED TO GO AHEAD AND TESTIFY ANYWAY ON ITEM NUMBER 5, IF WE  
25    COULD -- THEY'VE BEEN SITTING OUT THERE FOR A WHILE.





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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO THEY WANT TO COME BACK WHEN IT COMES  
3 BACK UP OR DO THEY WANT TO --

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** THEY WANTED TO TESTIFIED TODAY.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. BETH COSTANZA, PERCY STEVE  
8 MALICOTT, HARVEY HOLLOWAY. IF YOU COULD PLEASE COME FORWARD,  
9 AND WE WILL CALL YOU AT THIS TIME. [ MIXED VOICES ]

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, YES, WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR  
12 NAME?

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14 **BETH COSTANZA:** BETH COSTANZA, ARCADIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES YOU CAN PROCEED.

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19 **BETH COSTANZA:** WOULD YOU LIKE ME JUST TO GIVE SOME TESTIMONY?  
20 IS THAT WHAT WE'RE AT RIGHT NOW?

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE. WE'RE TAKING THE TESTIMONY NOW.

23

24 **BETH COSTANZA:** OKAY. I'M JUST HERE TO GIVE YOU SOME EXAMPLES  
25 OF, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND ESTEEMED GUESTS, I GUESS, HERE.



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1 I WOULD LIKE TO JUST SAY THAT I WAS ASKED TO BE HERE TODAY TO  
2 TESTIFY REGARDING THE EXTREME COSTS OF WORKMAN'S COMP AND WHAT  
3 IT'S DOING TO SOME OF MY MEMBERS. I HAVE 750 MEMBERS OF MY  
4 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. MY OWN EXAMPLE IS THAT THE ARCADIA  
5 CHAMBER JUST RECEIVED HER BILL YESTERDAY, WHICH HAS GONE UP  
6 28%, FOR FOUR PEOPLE IN OUR OFFICE WE'VE NEVER HAD A CLAIM. SO  
7 THAT JUST AND FROM MY OWN PERSONAL STANDPOINT. DUARTE CHAMBER  
8 OF COMMERCE, THEY HAVE TWO EMPLOYEES. THEIRS HAS GONE TO OVER  
9 A THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR. J.C. PENNEY, I WAS TALKING WITH THE  
10 C.E.O. OVER THERE, HE SAID THAT THEY WILL BE CUTTING STAFF,  
11 THEY WILL BE CUTTING SERVICES. IF ANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN IN A  
12 J.C. PENNEY'S RECENTLY, YOU WILL KNOW THEY'VE ALREADY CUT A  
13 LOT OF STAFF, THEY ARE DOWN TO PRETTY MUCH BARE BONES AT THIS  
14 TIME. ANOTHER EXAMPLE WOULD BE COVINA. THERE'S A CHICKS  
15 SPORTING GOODS STORE, WORKMAN'S COMP COSTS ARE UP BY TWO TIMES  
16 IN THE LAST TWO YEARS BY 150,000 DOLLARS EACH TIME. IT ALSO IS  
17 COMPOUNDED BY THE RECESSION AND COMPOUNDED BY THE FACT THAT  
18 EDISON IS CHARGING THEM A LOT MORE FOR ELECTRICITY, AROUND A  
19 HUNDRED THOUSAND A YEAR MORE. SO THIS IS ABOUT A 600,000-  
20 DOLLAR ADDITION TO THEIR COSTS. THE RESULT IS THAT HEALTH --  
21 AS FAR AS THE HEALTH POLICY FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES IS NOT BEING  
22 PROVIDED TO THE EXTENT PREVIOUSLY AT CHICK'S, AND AS RETAIL  
23 COMPANIES, THEY CAN'T MOVE OUT OF THE STATE. THEY CAN'T GO  
24 ANYWHERE. SO THEY'RE HERE AND THEY'LL JUST CUT SERVICES AND  
25 THEY WILL CUT WHAT THEY WILL DO FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES. ALSO, I



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1 WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT I WAS NOTICING IN THE BUSINESS  
2 PERSPECTIVE BY RUSTY HAMMER, THE C.E.O./PRESIDENT OF THE L.A.  
3 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THAT BY THE YEAR 2005, THE BENEFITS FOR A  
4 WORKMAN'S COMP WEEKLY BENEFITS WOULD RUN AT ABOUT \$840 A WEEK,  
5 AND I JUST THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THAT IS GREATER THAN  
6 WHAT I AM BEING PAID AT MY POSITION AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
7 THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. SO IF I WERE TO GO OUT ON WORKMAN'S  
8 COMP, I WOULD BE MAKING MORE MONEY THAN I WOULD BE TO BE  
9 WORKING, JUST AS AN EXAMPLE. I THINK THAT'S ABOUT ALL OF MY  
10 TESTIMONY. I THINK THERE ARE A LOT MORE PEOPLE BEHIND ME AND I  
11 DON'T WANT TO TAKE A LOT OF YOUR TIME. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, AND  
14 WE CAN ASK RICHARD NICHOLS TO COME FORWARD AND TAKE YOUR SEAT.

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16 **HARVEY HOLLOWAY:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS HARVEY HOLLOWAY. I'M  
17 HERE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE FOR THE  
18 ANTELOPE VALLEY CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AS CHAIRMAN FOR THE  
19 ECONOMIC ROUND TABLE COMMITTEE FOR THE GREATER ANTELOPE VALLEY  
20 ECONOMIC ALLIANCE AND AS OWNER OF A SMALL COMMERCIAL REAL  
21 ESTATE BROKERAGE COMPANY IN LANCASTER. AND OVER THE PAST  
22 SEVERAL YEARS, SACRAMENTO HAS SQUANDERED A SIZABLE BUDGET  
23 SURPLUS AND TURNED IT INTO THE LARGEST DEFICIT IN OUR STATE'S  
24 HISTORY. AND DURING THIS TIME, A NUMBER OF BILLS WERE SIGNED  
25 INTO LAW THAT RESULTED IN MASSIVE INCREASES IN THE OVERALL



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1 COST OF DOING BUSINESS IN OUR GREAT STATE. CALIFORNIA  
2 BUSINESSES HAVE SUFFERED HUGE INCREASES IN THEIR ENERGY COSTS  
3 AS BUSINESS RATES WERE INCREASED THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO  
4 SUBSIDIZE RESIDENTIAL RATES. BUSINESSES HAVE SUFFERED MASSIVE  
5 INCREASES IN THEIR WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE PREMIUMS,  
6 70% TO 200% SINCE THE YEAR 2000. AS A COMPARISON, THE TOTAL  
7 WRITTEN PREMIUM IN CALIFORNIA IN 1997 WAS 6.4 BILLION DOLLARS.  
8 THAT NUMBER IS NOW ESTIMATED TO HAVE GROWN TO 15 BILLION  
9 DOLLARS IN 2002, A 234% INCREASE. ALL THIS AT A TIME WHEN  
10 CALIFORNIA HAS LOST MORE THAN 230,000 MANUFACTURING JOBS AND  
11 THE PREMIUM INCREASES TO COVER A.B.-749'S CHANGE IN BENEFITS  
12 ARE NOT YET A PART OF THESE STATISTICS. BUSINESSES ARE  
13 SUFFERING LOSS OF PRODUCTIVITY AND INCREASED COSTS THROUGH  
14 A.B.-60'S ELIMINATION OF THE USE OF FLEXIBLE WORK SCHEDULES,  
15 CALIFORNIA BUSINESSES ARE IN JEOPARDY OF SEEING A MULTI-  
16 LAYERED HODGE-PODGE OF LOCAL LABOR LAWS DUE TO THE PASSAGE OF  
17 A.B.-2509 THAT ALLOWS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO CREATE THEIR OWN  
18 LOCAL VERSIONS OF LABOR LAWS. DEVELOPMENT IN OUR STATE HAS  
19 BEEN STYMIED AND THE COST OF SOME PRIVATE PROJECTS HAVE JUMPED  
20 UP TO 40% DUE TO THE SIGNING OF S.B.-975 WHICH REQUIRES  
21 PREVAILING WAGES TO BE PAID ON ANY PRIVATE PROJECT THAT  
22 RECEIVES PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. AND I KNOW FROM PERSONAL  
23 EXPERIENCE THAT THIS MEASURE HAS EFFECTIVELY BLOCKED EFFORTS  
24 IN ATTRACTING NEW INDUSTRIES. OUR GREAT STATE HAS THE THIRD  
25 HIGHEST OVERALL COST OF DOING BUSINESS IN THE UNITED STATES,



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1 32% ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE AND THE HIGHEST AMONG WESTERN  
2 STATES. CALIFORNIA WAS RANKED AS LEAST FAVORABLE BUSINESS  
3 CLIMATE IN THE NATION IN A SURVEY OF BUSINESS EXECUTIVES LAST  
4 FALL, ESPECIALLY IN THESE ECONOMIC TIMES, WE CAN LEAST AFFORD  
5 TO PRICE BUSINESSES AND THE JOBS THEY CREATE OUT OF OUR STATE  
6 OR OUT OF BUSINESS ALTOGETHER. SEND SACRAMENTO A MESSAGE. TELL  
7 THEM TO STOP CHOKING AND PLUCKING THE FEATHERS OF THE GOOSE  
8 THAT HAS LAID THE GOLDEN EGG FOR OUR STATE. TELL THEM THAT  
9 JOBS ARE IMPORTANT TO OUR ECONOMIC RECOVERY. TELL THEM WE NEED  
10 TO BEGIN CHANGING OUR IMAGE AS A STATE THAT IS NOT BUSINESS  
11 FRIENDLY. TELL THEM TO PASS S.B.-1010 BEFORE OUR ECONOMY SLIPS  
12 DEEPER INTO A RECESSION. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME.

15

16 **PERCY STEVEN MALICOTT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. IT'S A PLEASURE  
17 TO BE HERE. MY NAME IS PERCY STEVEN MALICOTT AND I'M THE  
18 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY CHAMBERS OF  
19 COMMERCE.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND COULD WE HAVE KARIN CRICHAN COME  
22 FORWARD?

23

24 **PERCY STEVEN MALICOTT:** OKAY. GREAT. THANKS. AGAIN, WE  
25 REPRESENT OVER 900 BUSINESS MEMBERS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.



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1 MR. HOLLOWAY OUTLINED THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS THAT A.B.-749,  
2 A.B.-2816, S.B.- 975, A.B.-2509 AND A.B.-60 HAVE HAD ON  
3 CALIFORNIA BUSINESSES AND THE CORRELATION THAT IMPACT HAS ON  
4 THE OVERALL ECONOMY OF CALIFORNIA. OUR CHAMBER BELIEVES THERE  
5 IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THESE BILLS WERE AND ARE BUSINESS AND JOB  
6 KILLER BILLS. S.B.-1010 PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO AT LEAST  
7 POSTPONE THE DEVASTATING IMPACTS OF THESE BILLS UNTIL  
8 CALIFORNIA RESOLVES THE CURRENT BUDGET CRISIS AND COMES OUT OF  
9 RECESSION. WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT SUPPORT OF  
10 S.B.-1010 IS NOT AND SHOULD NOT BE A PARTISAN ISSUE, THE  
11 DIRECT AND NEGATIVE IMPACT THAT THESE FIVE BILLS HAVE HAD ON  
12 BUSINESSES IN THE CALIFORNIA ECONOMY REACHES ACROSS ALL PARTY  
13 LINES. S.B.-1010 WILL HELP ALL BUSINESSES AND HELP CALIFORNIA  
14 ON ITS ECONOMIC RECOVERY. THE ANTELOPE VALLEY CHAMBERS OF  
15 COMMERCE URGES YOUR SUPPORT OF S.B.-1010. AND I PERSONALLY I  
16 WAS LOOKING AT THE WALL AND IT SAYS THIS COUNTY WAS FOUNDED ON  
17 FREE ENTERPRISE, CHERISH AND HELP PRESERVE IT. S.B.-1010 WILL  
18 HELP PRESERVE IT. IF WE DON'T SUPPORT S.B.-1010, WE MAY NO  
19 LONGER BE ABLE TO AFFORD FREE ENTERPRISE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. NICHOLS?

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23 **RICHARD NICHOLS:** YES, RICHARD NICHOLS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
24 EL MONTE, SOUTH EL MONTE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I'LL ASK RICK DINGER TO COME FORWARD.

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3    **RICHARD NICHOLS:** AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
4    WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD. AND TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE  
5    INFORMATION AS TO HOW THE TWO TIE TOGETHER, WORKING WITH THE  
6    BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN EL MONTE, AND SOUTH EL MONTE AND ALL  
7    THROUGH SOUTH SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WE'RE INTERVIEWING EMPLOYERS  
8    AND FINDING OUT THEIR PROBLEMS AND THEN I GO TO A WORKFORCE  
9    INVESTMENT BOARD MEETING AND WE HAVE A PROGRAM THAT IS FUNDED  
10   BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ALL OF MAR CALLED RAPID RESPONSE,  
11   AND I SEE SOME OF THESE SAME PEOPLE OF THESE COMPANIES LAYING  
12   OFF PEOPLE AND USING THE FUNDS FROM RAPID RESPONSE TO HELP  
13   THOSE EMPLOYEES BE ASSESSED AND FIND NEW JOBS. TWO YEARS AGO,  
14   RAPID RESPONSE MONEY, WHICH FORTUNATELY FROM THE FEDERAL  
15   GOVERNMENT IS VERY FLEXIBLE, CAN BE USED MANY WAYS, WE COULD  
16   USE IT OTHER WAYS OTHER THAN SERVING THE LAID-OFF EMPLOYEES.  
17   NOW WE HAVE NOWHERE NEAR ENOUGH MONEY IN THAT PROGRAM TO  
18   SERVICE THESE LAID-OFF EMPLOYEES, AND THEY'RE COMING FROM  
19   COMPANIES IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, ALL  
20   OVER, THAT ARE BEING LAID OFF FOR VARIOUS BUSINESS REASONS.  
21   THE MAIN ONE RIGHT NOW IS WORKERS' COMP. MY PRESIDENT AT THE  
22   EL MONTE, SOUTH EL MONTE CHAMBER OWNS A RAMONA CARE CENTER, A  
23   SENIOR HOUSING, WHAT I USED TO CALL CONVALESCENT HOME, WE  
24   DON'T ANYMORE, HIS WORKERS' COMP WENT FROM 6,000 DOLLARS A  
25   MONTH TO 10,000 DOLLARS A MONTH, THAT IS A MONTH, OVER THE





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1 PAST YEAR AND A HALF. HE CANNOT MOVE OUT OF THE STATE. HE  
2 CAN'T VERY WELL RAISE HIS PRICES 'CAUSE THEY'RE CONTROLLED.  
3 THEREFORE, WE'VE GOT TO GET SOME HANDLE ON THESE REGULATIONS.  
4 WE APPRECIATE VERY MUCH YOU CONSIDERING THIS LEGISLATION OR  
5 RECOMMENDATION TO LET THE STATE LEGISLATORS KNOW AND WE HOPE  
6 THAT YOU PASS THIS VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND RUSTY HAMMER, WOULD YOU  
9 PLEASE COME FORWARD? PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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11 **KARIN CRICHAN:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME'S KARIN CRICHAN, I'M THE  
12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MONROVIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
13 REPRESENTING APPROXIMATELY 400 BUSINESSES IN MONROVIA AND  
14 SURROUNDING CITIES. THE COST OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
15 INSURANCE OVER THE YEARS HAS BECOME A MAJOR DETRIMENT TO DOING  
16 BUSINESS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. OUR CHAMBER HAS RECEIVED  
17 INPUT FROM MANY OF OUR BUSINESSES ON THE ISSUE ALONG WITH MANY  
18 OTHER ISSUES, LEGISLATION, AND REGULATIONS THAT MAKE IT  
19 INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO OWN AND OPERATE A BUSINESS OF ANY  
20 SIZE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. ACCORDING TO THE EMPLOYMENT  
21 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, APPROXIMATELY 96% OF ALL BUSINESSES IN  
22 THE STATE ARE SMALL BUSINESSES AND ABOUT 79% OF THESE  
23 BUSINESSES HAVE FEWER THAN 10 EMPLOYEES. AND YET SMALL  
24 BUSINESSES GENERATE NEARLY TWO-THIRDS OF ALL NEW JOBS. DURING  
25 THE SLOW ECONOMIC TIMES OF THE 1990S, IT WAS THE SMALL



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1 BUSINESSSES THAT CREATED THE MAJORITY OF NEW JOBS, PLAYING A  
2 VITAL ROLE IN AIDING THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AT THAT TIME IN  
3 CALIFORNIA. I RECENTLY SENT AN E-MAIL OUT TO OUR MEMBERS  
4 ASKING FOR THEIR INPUT ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION COSTS. I HAVE  
5 HAD REPLIES FROM MANY LOCAL BUSINESSES AND HAVE FOUND A FEW  
6 COMMON DENOMINATORS BUSINESS WILL OR HAVE IMPLEMENTED IN ORDER  
7 TO STAY IN BUSINESS. THEY WILL NOT BE HIRING ADDITIONAL  
8 PERSONNEL OR ADDING NEW JOBS, THEY WILL HAVE TO ELIMINATE  
9 POSITIONS BY LAYING OFF PERSONNEL, THEY WILL CUT EMPLOYEES'  
10 HOURS, THEY WILL DECREASE HEALTH, DENTAL, AND OTHER BENEFITS  
11 FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES, THEY WILL ELIMINATE OR DECREASE PAY  
12 INCREASES. THEY MAY GO OUT OF BUSINESS OR, WORSE, THEY MAY  
13 LEAVE CALIFORNIA ALTOGETHER. I URGE YOU TO UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORT  
14 THE MOTION TO SUPPORT S.B.-1010. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COULD JACQUELYN MCMILLAN COME  
17 FORWARD. JUST STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

18  
19 **RICK DINGER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RICK DINGER, AND I AM  
20 THE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE MONTROSE VERDUGOCE CHAMBER OF  
21 COMMERCE. I'M THE CURRENT HONORARY MAYOR OF LA CRESCENTA, I'M  
22 ON THE BOARD OF THE CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND  
23 I'M A MEMBER OF THE GLENDALE-BURBANK GOVERNMENTAL REVIEW  
24 COMMITTEE. I AM A BUSINESS OWNER, I OWN CRESCENTA VALLEY  
25 INSURANCE LOCATED IN GLENDALE, I'VE BEEN THERE FOR 17 YEARS.



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1 THE CURRENT CRISIS IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION HAS DRIVEN ME TO  
2 BE HERE TODAY BECAUSE MY CLIENTS HAVE FORCED THIS UPON US. THE  
3 RECENT RISING COSTS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION HAS PENALIZED  
4 THE EMPLOYERS THAT FOLLOW THE RULES AND HAS CREATED A BLACK  
5 MARKET FOR THE UNINSURED WORKER. SACRAMENTO LEGISLATURES ARE  
6 CONTINUING TO POINT FINGERS AT FIRST THE INSURANCE COMPANIES  
7 AND THEN THE PEOPLE PROVIDING THE HEALTHCARE. AND THANKS TO  
8 THE POWERFUL TRIAL LAWYER ASSOCIATION, THE LITIGATION -- THE  
9 COST OF LITIGATION IS NEVER MENTIONED. WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
10 WAS INITIALLY ESTABLISHED TO CREATE A NO FAULT SYSTEM WHERE  
11 THE INJURED WORKER GOES AND GETS HIS HELP, GETS PAID WHILE  
12 HE'S OFF WORK, AND GETS BACK TO WORK. THE GLENDALE-BURBANK  
13 GOVERNMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE HAS MADE A RECOMMENDATION AND  
14 IT'S FALLEN ON DEAF EARS, AND THAT RECOMMENDATION WAS TO  
15 CREATE A -- INSTEAD OF THE 30-DAY CURRENT WAITING PERIOD FOR  
16 THE INJURED WORKER WHERE THE INSURANCE COMPANY CONTROLS THE  
17 CLAIM, THEY'D LIKE TO PUSH THAT TO SIX MONTHS. WHAT THAT DOES  
18 IS IT ALLOWS THE INSURANCE COMPANY TO GET THE INJURED WORKER  
19 THE MEDICAL BENEFITS AND GET THEM BACK TO WORK. WHEN THE  
20 ATTORNEYS TAKE OVER THE CLAIM AFTER 30 DAYS, ALL IT DOES IS  
21 DRIVE THE COST TO THE SKY. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO  
22 LISTEN TO US TODAY AND I URGE THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 1010.

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24 **RUSTY HAMMER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS RUSTY HAMMER, I'M THE  
25 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF



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1 COMMERCE AND I APPRECIATE YOU TAKING TIME ON YOUR AGENDA TODAY  
2 TO CONSIDER --

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. HAMMER, JUST A SECOND, LET ME CALL  
5 LARRY MANKIN UP SO HE CAN COME FORWARD. I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT  
6 YOU.

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8 **RUSTY HAMMER:** I APOLOGIZE, I APPRECIATE YOU TAKING TIME ON  
9 YOUR AGENDA ON A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. I HAD SOME PREPARED  
10 REMARKS TO DELIVER THIS MORNING BUT MANY OF THE CHAMBER EXECS  
11 THAT HAVE PRECEDED ME HAVE LAID THE PROBLEM OUT VERY DIRECTLY,  
12 SO LET ME JUST TALK ABOUT SOMETHING FROM A BIT OF A DIFFERENT  
13 PERSPECTIVE. WE ALL NOW WHY WE'RE HERE. IT'S NOT BECAUSE  
14 BUSINESS WANTS A BUNCH OF LAWS REPEALED, IT'S BECAUSE  
15 CALIFORNIA FACES THE BIGGEST FINANCIAL CRISIS IN ITS HISTORY,  
16 A HOLE OF AROUND 30 BILLION DOLLARS THAT WE KNOW IS NOT GOING  
17 TO BE FILLED WITH CUTS AND TAX INCREASES ALONE. THE ONLY WAY  
18 TO GET CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMY BACK ON TRACK IS TO STIMULATE THE  
19 GROWTH OF BUSINESS. NOW THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, IN THE LAST  
20 SEVERAL LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS, THE LEGISLATURE HAS PASSED SOME  
21 LAWS THAT WERE DESIGNED TO HELP EMPLOYEES AND TO DO SOME  
22 THINGS THAT THEY FELT WERE APPROPRIATE TO ASSIST EMPLOYEES AND  
23 PEOPLE AROUND CALIFORNIA. HOWEVER, THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES  
24 OF SOME OF THOSE LEGISLATIVE BILLS THAT WERE PASSED AND SIGNED  
25 BY THE GOVERNOR HAVE BEEN TO PUT A REAL DAMPER ON BUSINESS IN



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1 CALIFORNIA. I WOULD HAZARD A GUESS THAT IF THOSE BILLS HAD NOT  
2 BEEN PASSED WHEN THEY WERE PASSED BUT WERE INTRODUCED IN THIS  
3 YEAR, GIVEN CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMIC CLIMATE, THOSE LAWS WOULD  
4 NEVER HAVE BEEN PASSED. WE NOW HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ROLL  
5 BACK THE CLOCK AND TEMPORARILY SUSPEND OR REPEAL LEGISLATION  
6 THAT IS HURTING BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA, AND LET ME JUST BRING  
7 IT TO A LOCAL LEVEL AND LET ME FOCUS STRICTLY ON WORKERS'  
8 COMP. THE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, A LOCAL  
9 EMPLOYER THAT EMPLOYS THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES  
10 COUNTY, HAS SEEN THEIR ANNUAL WORKERS' COMP BILL RISE OVER THE  
11 LAST FOUR YEARS FROM 1.2 MILLION TO NEARLY 9 MILLION DOLLARS.  
12 THAT IS MONEY THAT THE AUTO CLUB, JUST ONE COMPANY ALONE,  
13 COULD USE TO INVEST IN NEW PRODUCTS, IN NEW EMPLOYEES, AND TO  
14 HELP GET OUR ECONOMY GOING AGAIN, AND THAT IS WHAT IS NEEDED  
15 IN CALIFORNIA. BUT THIS IS NOT JUST A BUSINESS ISSUE, IT'S A  
16 GOVERNMENT ISSUE AS WELL, BECAUSE YOU, TOO, ARE BEING IMPACTED  
17 BY THIS LEGISLATION, THIS WORKERS' COMP INCREASE IS AFFECTING  
18 THE COUNTY AS WELL, WHICH IS WHY THE L.A. CHAMBER IS PUTTING A  
19 COALITION TOGETHER OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES TO WORK ON  
20 TRYING TO HELP REFORM WORKERS' COMP, REPEAL THE RECENT  
21 INCREASES SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A SYSTEM THAT IS MORE ORIENTED  
22 TO THE NEEDS OF THE CURRENT MARKETPLACE. THE FACT OF THE  
23 MATTER IS THAT THE ISSUE BEFORE YOU TODAY, S.B.-1010, IS  
24 HIGHLY PARTISAN AND THE BUDGET BATTLES ARE HIGHLY PARTISAN,  
25 BUT WE ALL NEED TO TAKE OUR PARTISAN HATS OFF AND FIGURE OUT



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1 HOW WE CAN GET CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMY GOING AGAIN AND HOW WE CAN  
2 CREATE ECONOMIC GROWTH SO THAT WE CAN GET OUT OF BOTH THE  
3 STATE AND THE LOCAL BUDGET CRISIS THAT WE FIND OURSELVES IN.  
4 WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT S.B.-1010 AS THE FIRST STEP IN GETTING  
5 CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMY GROWING ONCE MORE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL WE WANT TO SAY TO YOU HOW MUCH WE  
8 APPRECIATE YOUR HELP WITH MEASURE B.

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10 **RUSTY HAMMER:** THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND CERTAINLY HAVE APPRECIATED YOUR TERM OF  
13 OFFICE. DOING A GREAT JOB.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU MADAM  
16 CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** YES.

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20 **JACQUELYN MCMILLAN:** THANK YOU GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS  
21 JACQUELYN MCMILLAN

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** EXCUSE ME. BEFORE YOU GET STARTED THERE, I'LL ASK  
24 LEE HARRINGTON TO COME UP AND JOIN US HERE TOO.

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1   **JACQUELYN MCMILLAN:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JACQUELYN MCMILLAN  
2   AND I AM THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS FOR THE UNITED  
3   CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. WE REPRESENT  
4   OVER 24 CHAMBERS AND 8,000 BUSINESSES IN THE VALLEY. WE'RE  
5   GOING TO ASK YOU TO SUPPORT S.B.-1010 TO REPEAL FIVE LABOR-  
6   RELATED LAWS THAT WERE PASSED WITHIN RECENT YEARS. WHILE WE  
7   FULLY UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO HAVE LAWS TO PROTECT LABOR, THESE  
8   LAWS AND OTHERS LIKE THEM UNFORTUNATELY HAVE INCREASED  
9   BUSINESS COSTS AT TIMES WHEN EMPLOYERS ARE STRUGGLING TO  
10   REMAIN IN BUSINESS, AND THEY HIT HARDEST ON SMALL BUSINESS  
11   BECAUSE THEY CREATE ADDITIONAL BARRIERS TO THEIR SUCCESS,  
12   ESPECIALLY FOR MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS WHO HAVE A VERY  
13   LOW PROFIT MARGIN ALREADY, AS LITTLE AS 2%. SPECIFICALLY THESE  
14   BILLS HAVE HAD THE FOLLOWING NEGATIVE IMPACTS IN OUR AREA.  
15   S.B., EXCUSE ME, A.B.-749 MAKES NUMEROUS CHANGES TO THE  
16   WORKMAN'S COMP BENEFITS, WHICH YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD ABOUT  
17   TODAY. THAT HAS COST THE STATE 3.5 BILLION DOLLARS, THAT'S A  
18   23% INCREASE OVER A SYSTEM THAT'S ALREADY THE MOST ONEROUS IN  
19   THE NATION. A.B.-2816 REQUIRES THAT TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE  
20   REPLACEMENT SERVICES PROVIDE WORKMAN'S COMP BASED ON THE  
21   CLIENT'S RATING AS OPPOSED TO THE JOB SAFETY RECORD OF THE  
22   EMPLOYER HIMSELF. WELL WHAT THIS SERVES TO DO IS ACTUALLY  
23   FORCE CONTRACTORS NOT TO USE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES.  
24   AGAIN, THAT'S A VAST MAJORITY OF THE GROUPS IN OUR AREA. S.B.-  
25   975 REQUIRES THAT PREVAILING WAGES BE PAID ON ANY PRIVATE





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1 PROJECT THAT RECEIVES STATE FUNDING THEREBY INCREASING LABOR  
2 COSTS ON PUBLIC WORK PROJECTS ANYWHERE FROM 5 TO 40%. A.B.-  
3 2509 ALLOWS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO CREATE THEIR OWN LOCAL  
4 VERSIONS OF LABOR LAWS ON STATE-FUNDED PROJECTS THEREBY  
5 FORCING COMPETING ENTITIES TO ABIDE BY THESE CONFLICTING LOCAL  
6 WAGE AND LABOR LAWS. THIS COULD SERIOUSLY HARM OUR STATE IN  
7 TERMS OF COMPETITIVENESS BECAUSE OTHER STATES AND OTHER  
8 NATIONS DO NOT HAVE THIS REQUIREMENT. LASTLY, A.B.-60  
9 ELIMINATES THE ABILITY FOR EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO USE  
10 FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES BY MANDATING THAT OVERTIME PAY BE PAID ON  
11 EIGHT HOURS OF WORK -- AFTER EIGHT HOURS OF WORK, INSTEAD OF  
12 AN OVERTIME OF 40 HOURS A WEEK. THIS ALSO MAKES OUR STATE LESS  
13 COMPETITIVE AS THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF STATES USE THE 40-  
14 HOUR WORK WEEK STANDARD. THE HIGH COST OF DOING BUSINESS IN  
15 CALIFORNIA IS FAR TOO HIGH AND THESE BILLS HAVE ONLY  
16 EXACERBATED THE PROBLEM. THE MILKEN INSTITUTE HAS STATED THAT  
17 CALIFORNIA HAS THE THIRD HIGHEST OVERALL COST OF DOING  
18 BUSINESS IN THE U.S. THAT'S 32% ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE DUE  
19 TO THREE FACTORS: HIGH ENERGY, GAS, HIGH COST OF HOUSING, AND  
20 THE CARNAGE THAT WE'VE WITNESSED WITH THE WORKMAN COMP SYSTEM.  
21 ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT  
22 BUSINESSES, OUR STATE'S AND WORKMAN'S COMP SYSTEM PROVIDES  
23 SOME OF THE LOWEST BENEFITS WHILE HAVING THE HIGHEST PREMIUMS  
24 NATIONWIDE, AND HIGHER COST MEANS LOWER WAGES FOR WORKERS. IN



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1 THE END, WE ARE HURTING THE VERY PEOPLE WE HOPE TO PROTECT. SO  
2 FOR THESE REASONS, WE URGE THAT YOU SUPPORT S.B.-1010.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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6 **LARRY MANKIN:** GOOD MORNING. I'M LARRY MANKIN, I'M C.E.O. OF  
7 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THIS MORNING  
8 I'M REPRESENTING THE CHAMBER AND ITS 1,525 MEMBERS. OUR  
9 ORGANIZATION'S MEMBERSHIP COMES PRIMARILY FROM THE SANTA  
10 CLARITA VALLEY AND WE'RE PRIMARILY SMALL BUSINESS IN MAKE-UP,  
11 WITH OVER 90% OF OUR MEMBERS HAVING LESS THAN 30 EMPLOYEES.  
12 DELIGHTED TO BE HERE TODAY TO ASK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN SENDING  
13 A MESSAGE TO THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE, ENCOURAGING THEM TO  
14 TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO REPEAL THE JOB KILLER LAWS THAT ARE  
15 CURRENTLY BEING DEBATED IN SACRAMENTO. CERTAINLY CALIFORNIA,  
16 LIKE ALMOST EVERY OTHER STATE IN THE UNION IS UNDERGOING MUCH  
17 PAIN NOW AS A RESULT OF OUR NATIONAL ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN. WE'RE  
18 SEEING PEOPLE DRAMATICALLY IMPACTED BY LOSS OF INCOME,  
19 FAMILIES IMPACTED BECAUSE THEY HAVE LOST BENEFITS THEY HAVE  
20 COME TO EXPECT, AND WE'RE SEEING BUSINESSES IMPACTED IN SUCH A  
21 WAY THAT MANY HAVE CLOSED THEIR DOORS OR REDUCED THEIR WORK  
22 FORCE TO STAY COMPETITIVE. NOT REPEALING THESE JOB KILLER  
23 BILLS WILL HAVE THE POTENTIAL OF HAVING AN UNINTENDED IMPACT  
24 ON PEOPLE AND FAMILIES IN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES REGION. THEY  
25 WILL KILL THE GOOSE THAT LAID THE GOLDEN EGG FOR JOB CREATION,



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1 THE SMALL BUSINESS OWNER. RUNNING A BUSINESS IS MANY TIMES NOT  
2 ROCKET SCIENCE. INCOME COMES FROM SALES OF EITHER GOODS OR  
3 SERVICES, EXPENSE COMES FROM FIXED OVERHEAD, MARKETING,  
4 PRODUCT, AND PEOPLE. WHEN GOVERNMENT PASSES LEGISLATION THAT  
5 IMPACTS ANY ONE OF THESE EXPENSES, AND THERE ISN'T THE  
6 OPPORTUNITY TO OFFSET THIS INCREASE THROUGH ADDITIONAL INCOME,  
7 OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING HAS TO GIVE. EITHER THE COMPANY GOES OUT  
8 OF BUSINESS, CUTS BENEFITS, OR TERMINATES EMPLOYEES. NONE OF  
9 THESE OPTIONS ARE GOOD FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THE COUNTY  
10 OF LOS ANGELES, OR THE INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY WHO IS IMPACTED BY  
11 THESE CUTS. AS A BRAND-NEW RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
12 SIX WEEKS NOW, I CAN ALSO SPEAK TO THE IMPACT THAT THIS TYPE  
13 OF LEGISLATION HAS ON COMMUNITIES AND STATES ADJACENT TO  
14 CALIFORNIA. VERY CLEARLY, THE TERM "JOB KILLER LEGISLATION"  
15 WOULD NOT BE USED IN PLACES LIKE UTAH, NEVADA, OR IDAHO. WE'D  
16 BE SPEAKING TO THIS ISSUE AS A GREAT VICTORY FOR OUR ECONOMIC  
17 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING. AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE WOULD HAVE  
18 REFERRED TO THIS LEGISLATION AS JOB CREATING RATHER THAN JOB  
19 KILLING. NOT REPEALING THIS JOB KILLER LEGISLATION WILL MOST  
20 CERTAINLY CAUSE VERY POSITIVE NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB  
21 CREATION IN MANY STATES SURROUNDING CALIFORNIA. THIS  
22 DEVELOPMENT MEANS LESS JOBS FOR CALIFORNIANS, LESS PROPERTY  
23 AND SALES TAX FOR LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT, AND FEWER SMALL  
24 BUSINESS START-UPS. IT ALSO MEANS THAT MANY OF OUR  
25 NEIGHBORHOOD'S SMALL BUSINESSES WILL NO LONGER BE HERE IN SIX



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1 MONTHS OR LESS OR THAT THE EMPLOYEES OF THESE BUSINESSES WILL  
2 NO LONGER BE GAINFULLY EMPLOYED. THESE PIECES OF LEGISLATION  
3 ARE NOT GOOD FOR OUR CURRENT ECONOMY, AND I WOULD ASK THAT YOU  
4 SEND A MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATURE ENCOURAGING THEM TO REPEAL  
5 THESE JOB KILLER LEGISLATION. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LET'S SEE. I DON'T THINK MARK WAROREK HAS  
8 BEEN CALLED UP. WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD?

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10 **LEE HARRINGTON:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
11 I APPRECIATE THE TIME TODAY. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ECONOMIC  
12 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IS NOT A BUSINESS ADVOCACY  
13 ORGANIZATION. WE DO PRIDE OURSELVES ON BEING A BUSINESS  
14 DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATION --

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. COULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME FOR  
17 THE RECORD?

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19 **LEE HARRINGTON:** YES. LEE HARRINGTON, I'M PRESIDENT OF THE LOS  
20 ANGELES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. WE ALSO PRIDE  
21 OURSELVES ON BEING AN ECONOMIC ADVISORY TO THE COUNTY, AND  
22 WHAT I WANTED TO SHARE WITH YOU TODAY ARE SOME TRENDS THAT I  
23 DO THINK ARE ALARMING IN OUR COUNTY BUSINESS ASSISTANCE  
24 PROGRAM. OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, WE HAVE WATCHED THE MAJORITY  
25 OF THE PROJECTS WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH INDIVIDUALS



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1 COMPANIES, USUALLY ABOUT 200 TO 220 PROJECTS A YEAR, SHIFT  
2 DRAMATICALLY FROM EXPANSION TO RETENTION, AND TODAY WE'RE  
3 WORKING 63 RETENTION PROJECTS THAT INVOLVE ABOUT 9700 JOBS IN  
4 THE COUNTY, GOOD-PAYING JOBS PARTICULARLY IN THE MANUFACTURING  
5 SECTOR. I HAVE SHARED WITH YOU TODAY A LIST OF RETENTION  
6 PROJECTS THAT KIND OF COVER THE BREADTH OF THE COUNTY BOTH  
7 GEOGRAPHICALLY AND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT-WISE. AS YOU'LL SEE,  
8 MOST OF THESE RETENTION PROJECTS THAT I'VE LISTED ARE IN THE  
9 MANUFACTURING OR FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR, A SECTOR THAT TENDS  
10 TO GENERATE ABOUT 17-DOLLAR AN HOUR JOBS, MOSTLY WITH  
11 BENEFITS. THESE COMPANIES HAVE ASKED US FOR HELP ON THE ISSUES  
12 THAT I HAVE LISTED THERE WHICH INCLUDE WORKERS' COMP, ENERGY  
13 COSTS, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, OVERTIME FOR EIGHT HOURS OF THE  
14 DAY, ELIMINATION OF INCENTIVES, FAMILY LEAVE, AND FEES AND  
15 PERMITS. THE POINT I WANT TO MAKE HERE IS THAT IT'S THE  
16 ACCUMULATION OF ALL OF THOSE COSTS IN A TIME WHEN COMPANIES  
17 ARE SEEING THEIR MARGINS SQUEEZED AND WHERE THEY'RE ALSO LIKE  
18 THE COUNTY SEEING HEALTHCARE INCREASES RISING THAT CREATES THE  
19 CUMULATIVE EFFECT TO CAUSE THEM TO HAVE TO THINK ABOUT  
20 SHUTTING DOWN OR LEAVING. AND OBVIOUSLY THE PEOPLE WHO ARE  
21 MOST HURT BY THIS ARE THE WORKERS. IF YOU TAKE THE, FOR  
22 INSTANCE, THE INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES THAT ARE LISTED HERE THAT  
23 ARE IN NORTH GATEWAY THAT TEND TO SPAN SUPERVISOR KNABE'S AND  
24 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S DISTRICT, ABOUT 70% OF THOSE EMPLOYEES ARE  
25 LATINO EMPLOYEES. THESE COMPANIES ARE ON THE MARGIN AND THE



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1 WORK FORCE IS AT RISK. SO WE SEE A TREND THAT IS NOT POSITIVE,  
2 BUT NEGATIVE RIGHT NOW, ONE THAT NEEDS TO BE TURNED. WE DO  
3 THINK THAT AS YOU COME OUT ON SOME OF OUR BUSINESS ASSISTANCE  
4 VISITS WITH US, YOU'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO DIALOGUE WITH SOME  
5 OF THESE COMPANIES MORE AND YOU WILL HEAR WORKERS' COMP,  
6 WORKERS' COMP, WORKERS' COMP IN THOSE DISCUSSIONS. I ALSO  
7 WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT AS OF THE 19TH OF MARCH WE WILL BE  
8 KICKING OFF A BUSINESS SURVEY ACROSS THE ENTIRE LOS ANGELES  
9 COUNTY BASE AND IT WILL TEST WHAT BUSINESSES NEEDS ARE, WHAT'S  
10 WORKING AND WHAT'S NOT WORKING, AND WE WILL BE SHARING THAT  
11 ONGOING INFORMATION WITH YOU TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT THOSE TRENDS  
12 LOOK LIKE. THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES.

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16 **MARK WARNEK:** GOOD MORNING. MARK WARNEK WITH MEDIA PAST  
17 PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH BAY ASSOCIATION OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE  
18 AND NOW WITH THE HARBOR CITY GATEWAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND  
19 PROUD RESIDENT OF SUPERVISOR KNABE'S DISTRICT AS WELL. I AM  
20 HERE TODAY TO STRONGLY SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1010 INTRODUCED BY  
21 SENATOR CHUCK PUCHEKIAN. THIS BILL WILL SUSPEND UNTIL THE END  
22 OF THE RECESSION SEVERAL ANTI-BUSINESS BILLS PROPOSED IN THE  
23 LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. IF THIS BILL IS ENACTED, IT WOULD HELP  
24 REDUCE COSTS FOR CALIFORNIA BUSINESSES SO THEY COULD BE MORE  
25 COMPETITIVE WITH SURROUNDING STATES, BUT IT WILL ALSO MAKE IT





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1 MORE COMPETITIVE TO ATTRACT MORE BUSINESSES TO OUR REGION  
2 AGAIN. SIX YEARS AGO, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY AND PRIVILEGE TO  
3 SERVE THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AS ECONOMIC  
4 DEVELOPMENT DEPUTY TO FORMER L.A. COUNCILMAN RUDY SAVORNICH.  
5 AND THE NUMBER ONE FACTOR THAT WE FACED BACK THEN WAS THE LOSS  
6 OF BUSINESSES AND COMPANIES GOING TO OTHER STATES, LIKE  
7 ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO. IT WAS MY JOB, ALONG WITH OTHERS FROM  
8 THE CITY DEPARTMENTS TO KEEP THOSE BUSINESSES AND COMPANIES  
9 HERE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. WITH THE HELP OF A STRONG  
10 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM, WE WERE ABLE TO KEEP MOST OF THE  
11 BUSINESSES HERE IN THE REGION AND HELP THEM WITH THEIR  
12 EXPANSION NEEDS AS THEY STAYED, RATHER THAN THEM MOVING OUT.  
13 WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO ATTRACT NEW BUSINESS. NOW AT THE PRESENT  
14 DAY, WE ARE STRUGGLING AGAIN TO KEEP THESE BUSINESSES AND  
15 COMPANIES HERE IN CALIFORNIA AND THE L.A. AREA. WE ALL KNOW  
16 THAT CALIFORNIA IS GROWING EVERY YEAR. IT GROWS ABOUT 10  
17 MILLION PEOPLE OF EACH GENERATION. BY 2010, THE STATE  
18 POPULATION WILL BE 40 MILLION, BY 2020, 45 MILLION. I ASK YOU  
19 THIS, WHERE ARE ALL THESE PEOPLE GOING TO WORK? NO BUSINESS,  
20 NO JOBS. UNEMPLOYMENT IS ALREADY IN -- IN THIS STATE IS  
21 ALREADY RISING. IT'S BEEN STATED ALREADY THAT CALIFORNIA HAS  
22 THE THIRD HIGHEST OVERALL COST OF DOING BUSINESS IN THE UNITED  
23 STATES, 32% ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE WITH CALIFORNIA COSTS  
24 THE HIGHEST IN THE WESTERN STATES. IT'S NOT A SURPRISE WHY  
25 BUSINESSES ARE GOING TO ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO AND NOW NEVADA.





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1 WE NEED TO BE PROACTIVE AND SUSPEND THESE JOB KILLER BILLS,  
2 ELIMINATING THESE ANTI-BUSINESS BILLS WOULD BE THE STIMULUS  
3 FOR A BETTER ECONOMY FOR BUSINESS. A STRONGER ECONOMY WILL  
4 GENERATE A MORE -- MORE REVENUES TO THE STATE FOR BUSINESS. I  
5 URGE YOU TODAY TO BE PROACTIVE AND SUPPORT S.B.-1010. THANK  
6 YOU.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES THE WITNESSES.  
9 SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I -- I HAVE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS. I DON'T  
12 KNOW IF YOU WANT TO DEAL WITH THAT TODAY OR WHAT'S THE FLAVOR  
13 OF THE BOARD? DO YOU WANT TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS OR YOU WANT  
14 TO CONTINUE THAT OR?

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT SOME OF  
17 THE THINGS IN THE SUMMARY AND THE REPORT WERE NOT A CORRECT  
18 ANALYSIS OF THE BILL, SO MAYBE WE COULD SEND IT BACK TO HAVE  
19 THE C.A.O. REVIEW IT AND COME BACK --

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** COME BACK IN TWO WEEKS?

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IN TWO WEEKS.

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25 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, I DON'T WANT TO DUPLICATE THE --



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE'S SOME THINGS IN THE BILL THAT I MEAN  
3 WHILE WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION IS SOMETHING THAT I WOULD HAVE AN  
4 INTEREST IN, I'M DEFINITELY NOT GOING TO VOTE FOR ANYTHING  
5 THAT REDUCES PREVAILING WAGE.

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7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE BILL DOES COVER FIVE DIFFERENT SUBJECTS,  
8 THREE OF WHICH THE BOARD HAS PREVIOUSLY TAKEN POSITIONS ON,  
9 TWO WHICH THE BOARD HAS NOT. THE WORKERS' COMP JUST TO MENTION  
10 ON WORKERS' COMP, I THINK RUSTY INDICATED IT'S NOT JUST A  
11 PRIVATE SECTOR PROBLEM, AND HE'S ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. THE COUNTY  
12 COST FOR WORKERS' COMP HAS GONE FROM 204 MILLION ANNUALLY IN  
13 2000/2001 TO A PROJECTED \$352 MILLION NEXT YEAR, 150-MILLION-  
14 DOLLAR GROWTH. IT IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM. AND THE CLAIMS  
15 EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN FLAT. SO IT IS RELATED TO THINGS OTHER  
16 THAN A GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE. IT IS SOMETHING WE ARE  
17 VERY CONCERNED ABOUT, BUT THIS BILL DOES DEAL WITH FIVE  
18 EMPLOYEE-RELATED BUT REALLY FIVE DIFFERENT TOPICS ALTOGETHER,  
19 AND WE ARE WORKING WITH THE CHAMBER AND POTENTIALLY SOME OTHER  
20 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES TO TRY TO DEVISE A PROPOSED REFORM  
21 PROPOSAL THAT DOESN'T JUST GET AT REDUCING THE COSTS. THERE  
22 MAY BE MORE THINGS, MORE IMPORTANT THINGS FOR YOUR BOARD TO  
23 CONSIDER ABOUT REFORMING WORKERS' COMP THAN SIMPLY ROLLING  
24 BACK THE RATES, AND WE HOPE TO HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU TO  
25 CONSIDER WITHIN A COUPLE OF WEEKS ON THAT AS WELL.



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**SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WITH THE LOSS OF ABOUT 340,000 JOBS IN JUST A  
NUMBER OF WEEKS WITHIN THE PAST FOUR YEARS IS A WAKE-UP CALL  
THAT THERE HAS TO BE EVALUATION OF WHY THOSE JOBS ARE LEAVING  
THE STATE. AS ONE CHAMBER PRESIDENT STATED WITH THE AUTO CLUBS  
ON WORKERS' COMP INCREASING FROM ONE-PLUS BILLION DOLLARS TO  
NINE BILLION PLUS DOLLARS, THESE ARE RAPID INCREASES, AND IN  
MY CONVERSATIONS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, BE IT WITH PRIVATE  
GROUPS, NONPROFIT GROUPS, CITY COUNCILS AND PRIVATE SECTOR  
WORKERS, THE -- THIS COST HAS REALLY HIT THEM BETWEEN THE EYES  
AND THERE IS A CALL FOR A SUSPENSION AT A TIME WHEN WE NEED  
PEOPLE WORKING TO GENERATE FUNDS TO MAINTAIN OUR SERVICES, AND  
IF THESE JOBS ARE LEAVING THE STATE, THAT LEAVES A VACUUM AND  
WE DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY OF FILLING THAT VACUUM TO MEET THE  
NEEDS THAT WE EACH ARE FACING. SO IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT  
WE'VE ALREADY APPROVED AND SUPPORT TWO OF THOSE PROVISIONS AND  
NEED TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE OTHER -- IS IT TWO OR ONE MORE TO  
MOVE FORWARD ON, DON?

19

**SUP. KNABE:** WELL WE'VE -- THE BOARD HAS TAKEN POSITION OF  
OPPOSITION TO THREE OF THEM AND THERE'S TWO REMAINING AREAS  
THERE. I THINK OBVIOUSLY THE IMPACT TO US IS TREMENDOUS TOO  
BECAUSE OF THEY GO OFF THE JOB ROLLS, THEN THEY GO TO THE  
WELFARE ROLLS AND BECOME AN IMPACT ON OUR SYSTEM, WHETHER --  
AND PARTICULARLY THE NONINSURED AND OBVIOUSLY THE FASTEST



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1 GROWING POPULATION WE HAVE IS WHAT WE CALL THE WORKING POOR,  
2 THE UNINSURED, AND SO AS EMPLOYERS HAVE TO DEAL WITH ALL THESE  
3 OTHER INCREASING COSTS, THE HEALTHCARE SORT OF TAKES A BACK  
4 SEAT. THE EXAMPLE AS GIVEN BY ONE OF THE CHAMBER PRESIDENTS OF  
5 THE INCREASE IN THEIR OWN OFFICE. I KNOW MY WIFE HAS A HOME-  
6 BASED BUSINESS, HAS EIGHT EMPLOYEES, NEVER FILED A CLAIM AND  
7 HER WORKMAN'S COSTS HAVE GONE UP ABOUT 38%. AND IT'S A  
8 COMPONENT THAT SHE COULDN'T BILL BECAUSE IT AFFECTS HER  
9 COMPETITIVENESS AS SHE BIDS JOBS. AND SO I THINK, YOU KNOW,  
10 NOT ONLY OUT THERE WHETHER IT'S A LARGE EMPLOYER OR A SMALL  
11 EMPLOYER, MANY OF THESE BUSINESSES JUST CAN'T MOVE AND JUST  
12 CAN'T GET UP AND LEAVE, BUT I THINK THE IMPACT LONG-TERM IS ON  
13 A JOBS ISSUE AS IT RELATES TO EXPANSION OR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
14 BRING NEW BUSINESSES HERE, AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE IMPACTED IN.  
15 YOU KNOW, I FEEL THAT THIS BILL IS AN EFFORT TO WORK TOGETHER,  
16 A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION IN SOME OF THESE AREAS OF TRYING TO  
17 MAKE THIS STATE MORE COMPETITIVE. WE WENT THROUGH THIS, YOU  
18 KNOW, 10, 12 YEARS AGO, AND EVERYBODY GOT THE IDEA AND WE DID  
19 ALL THE RIGHT THINGS AND, YOU KNOW, AND MADE SOME WORKMAN'S  
20 COMP REFORM SITUATIONS AND SOME OTHER THINGS, AND ALL OF A  
21 SUDDEN WHEN WE THOUGHT WE HAD THIS PLETHORA OF MONEY, WE  
22 STARTED GOING BACK THE OTHER WAY WITHOUT ANY REAL THOUGHT TO  
23 THE FUTURE OF THE GREAT STATE, AND IT'S NO LONGER OUR GOOD  
24 WEATHER, YOU KNOW, GREAT CLIMATE, A GREAT PLACE TO BE IN  
25 CALIFORNIA; WE HAVE TO BE COMPETITIVE, AND I JUST FELT VERY



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1 STRONGLY THAT THIS PARTICULAR BILL S.B.-1010 IS OPPORTUNITY  
2 FOR BOTH BUSINESS AND LABOR AND EVERYONE TO WORK TOGETHER TO  
3 TRY TO REJUVENATE THIS STATE TO KEEP PEOPLE WORKING SO THAT WE  
4 CAN MOVE THE DOLLARS INSTEAD OF TALKING ABOUT JUST ALWAYS  
5 RAISING TAXES TO A REDUCED EMPLOYEE BASE THAT WE'RE GOING TO  
6 BE HAVING HERE IN CALIFORNIA.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HOW DO YOU WANT TO PROCEED? DO YOU WANT TO  
9 TAKE THE VOTE NOW, OR --

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I MEAN, IF THERE ARE SOME ISSUES IN REGARDS  
12 TO -- I MEAN, THE ISSUE YOU HAVE, WE CAN COME BACK IN A COUPLE  
13 OF WEEKS. I THINK WE'VE GOT SOME TIME. I DON'T THINK IT'S BEEN  
14 SCHEDULED FOR HEARING YET, AS I UNDERSTAND IT. IS THAT  
15 CORRECT? THEN YOU'VE GOT SOME ISSUES COMING BACK FROM  
16 WORKMAN'S COMP IN TWO WEEKS. MAYBE WE CAN TIE IT ALL TOGETHER  
17 AND BRING IT BACK IN TWO WEEKS.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, YOU KNOW, THOSE AREAS AS FAR AS  
20 WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION THAT WE HAVE HAD DISCUSSION, WE'VE  
21 TAKEN POSITIONS, AS FAR AS I CAN SEE THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY  
22 IS JUST BOOMING IN CALIFORNIA, AND THE ISSUES OF PREVAILING  
23 WAGE IN TERMS OF SOME OF THOSE GOVERNMENT FINANCE CONSTRUCTION  
24 JOBS, I JUST AM NOT PREPARED TO CHANGE. NOW, WE DO WANT TO  
25 ATTRACT BUSINESS, WE WANT TO KEEP BUSINESS, WE DO HAVE TO BE



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1 REALISTIC THAT IT'S PRETTY TOUGH TO COMPETE WITH INDIA IN  
2 TERMS OF SOME OF THE DIGITAL WORK THAT'S DONE THERE BECAUSE  
3 WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO MEET THE WAGES THAT THEY'RE  
4 PAYING IN SOME OF THESE FOREIGN COUNTRIES. AND SO WE'VE JUST -  
5 - UNFORTUNATELY WE'RE NOT GOING TO EVER BE ABLE TO REDUCE OUR  
6 WAGES DOWN TO THE LEVEL THAT -- IN SOME OF THE THIRD WORLD  
7 COUNTRIES, BUT TO THE DEGREE THAT WE CAN ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF  
8 WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION, SOME OF THOSE THINGS, I THINK WE  
9 SHOULD HAVE AN ANALYSIS ON THE BILL AND TO COME -- BUT IF YOU  
10 DON'T WANT TO, WE CAN VOTE ON IT NOW, OR I WOULD THINK THE  
11 BETTER APPROACH WOULD BE TO HAVE THE C.A.O. TO ANALYZE IT AND  
12 SEE EXACTLY WHERE IT IS. I SUSPECT IT'S GOING TO BE AMENDED AS  
13 IT PASSES THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL THEN, THEN THAT'S FINE, I MEAN IF WE CAN COME  
16 BACK, BUT I MEAN YOU'RE SAYING THERE'S NO REASON FOR THIS  
17 STATE TO BE THE WORST STATE TO DO BUSINESS IN. I MEAN, YOU  
18 KNOW, WE'VE GOT A -- WE'VE GOT A VERY SOFT ECONOMY AND I --

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK WE'RE THE WORST STATE TO DO  
21 BUSINESS.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'D PROBABLY BE GOOD TOO TO SEE WHERE THAT  
24 CONSTRUCTION IS BOOMING THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT AND MAYBE WE  
25 CAN GET ANALYSIS FROM THE C.A.O.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LOS ANGELES, FOR ONE PLACE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO ASK MR. JANSSEN. ABOUT A YEAR  
5 AGO, WE HAD A MOTION THAT THE BOARD PASSED AND INITIATED  
6 ASKING YOUR OFFICE TO REVIEW HOW WE COULD BE MORE COMPETITIVE  
7 IN OUR CONTRACTING. AS FAR AS MY RECOLLECTION, WE HAVEN'T HAD  
8 THAT REVIEW OF OUR BUSINESS PRACTICES. COULD YOU GIVE US MAYBE  
9 A TIME FRAME WHEN -- OR AN UPDATE WHERE THAT IS? AS WE'RE  
10 TALKING ABOUT THE STATE LEGISLATION, LOCALLY WE CAN ALSO  
11 PROVIDE SOME CHANGES. I WOULD SAY THAT REFORMING OUR BUSINESS  
12 PRACTICES AT THE STATE LEVEL TO BE COMPARABLE WITH SOME OF OUR  
13 NEIGHBORING STATES, WASHINGTON, OREGON HAVE BEEN BENEFITS --  
14 BENEFICIARIES OF SOME OF OUR BUSINESSES. THEY ARE LEAVING THIS  
15 STATE AND OREGON AND WASHINGTON HAVE DIFFERENT LAWS AND  
16 PROCEDURES THAN WE HAVE HERE. WE OUGHT TO REVIEW AT THE STATE  
17 LEVEL WHAT THOSE PROCEDURES ARE SO WE HAVE INCENTIVES FOR JOBS  
18 TO COME TO THIS STATE AND JOBS THAT WE HAVE, THOSE BUSINESSES  
19 WITH INCENTIVES TO EXPAND THEIR BASE INSTEAD OF FLEEING. THIS  
20 STATE HAS LOST A NUMBER OF MAJOR CORPORATIONS. THIS COUNTY HAS  
21 LOST A MAJOR NUMBER OF CORPORATIONS, AND WE ARE FEELING THAT  
22 LOSS WITH OUR INABILITY OF HAVING STRONG PUBLIC/PRIVATE  
23 PARTNERSHIPS IN MANY OF THE PROGRAMS THAT WE SERVICE, OUR --  
24 MANY OF OUR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, BE IT THE BOY SCOUTS OR  
25 UNITED WAY ARE SEVERELY BEING HAMPERED NOW IN THEIR





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1 CONTRIBUTIONS WITH THIS EXODUS OF MAJOR CORPORATIONS FROM THIS  
2 AREA, SO IT'S QUITE SEVERE. IT'S CRITICAL, AND WE ARE ON LIFE  
3 SUPPORT.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THE ONLY THING THAT I'D LIKE TO SAY IS  
6 THAT IT'S NOT A SIMPLE ISSUE. MANY OF THE COMPANIES THAT GO TO  
7 OTHER STATES ARE GIVEN ACCESS TO SITES AT LOW COSTS, THEY'RE  
8 GIVEN SUPPLEMENTS IN TERMS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES. IF YOU LOOK AT  
9 THE PACKAGE THAT THEY GET AND MAYBE WE'RE WILLING TO DO THAT,  
10 AND MAYBE WE SHOULD LOOK AT THAT, I KNOW AT VARIOUS TIMES WE  
11 HAVE SUPPLEMENT IN TERMS OF EMPLOYEES WHO WOULD GO INTO NEW  
12 BUSINESSES, AND THAT WAS HANDLED THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY  
13 REDEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE ONE REAL PROBLEM WE HAVE TO FACE. IT'S  
14 HARD FOR US TO BE ABLE TO GUARANTEE TO WORKERS LOW COST  
15 HOUSING, AND IT'S HARD FOR US TO GUARANTEE TO BUSINESSES THAT  
16 WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO FIND SITES FOR THEM THAT ARE LOW  
17 COST OR THAT WE CAN SUBSIDIZE, AND THOSE ARE SOME OF THE  
18 THINGS THAT IF YOU TALK TO COMPANIES THAT ARE MOVING AND THEY  
19 WILL SAY TO YOU, "THEY'RE GIVING ME A NEW SITE, THEY'RE GIVING  
20 ME SUBSIDIES IN TERMS OF WORKERS AND THEY'RE GIVING ME ALL OF  
21 THESE THINGS," THEY GO TO CANADA, BECAUSE IN CANADA THEY GET  
22 ALL OF THESE TAX BENEFITS THAT WE DON'T NECESSARILY PROVIDE.  
23 SO I THINK IT'S A COMPLEX ISSUE IN TERMS OF WHEN COMPANIES  
24 LEAVE, WHEN COMPANIES COME HERE, THEY COME FOR SOME VERY  
25 SPECIFIC REASONS AND ARE ATTRACTED HERE. WE NEED TO MAKE IT



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1 MORE ATTRACTIVE TO THOSE COMPANIES AND WE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE  
2 COMPANIES THAT WE HAVE. AND I WOULD THINK THAT THE C.A.O. CAN  
3 GIVE US SOME ANALYSIS IN TERMS OF THIS BILL AND THE IMPACT AND  
4 ALSO ANALYZE SOME OF THOSE COMPANIES THAT ARE LEAVING WHAT THE  
5 REASONS ARE.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL THE CANADIAN ISSUE THAT YOU REFERRED TO IS  
8 PRIMARILY THE FILM INDUSTRY, AND THAT'S, YOU KNOW, WHERE THEY,  
9 YOU KNOW, IT MIGHT BE --

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOT ONLY DOES THE FILM INDUSTRY IN TERMS OF  
12 PEOPLE WHO HAVE AND --

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** OH MAYBE, THAT IMPACTS US TOO, I DON'T MEAN IT BUT  
15 IT'S --

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SOFTWARE COMPANIES GET A BIG BREAK, A  
18 TREMENDOUS BREAK IN CANADA IN TERMS OF EMPLOYEES AND ALL OF  
19 THOSE THINGS.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** MOST OF THE EMPLOYEES ARE NOT GOING THAT FAR,  
22 THEY'RE GOING TO, AS AN EXAMPLE, BUCK KNIVES OUT OF CARLSBAD,  
23 CALIFORNIA HAVE BEEN IN BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
24 FOR 104 YEARS, 104 YEARS IN THIS GREAT STATE AND IS NOW  
25 LEAVING TO GO TO IDAHO, AND THE TWO TOP REASONS ARE



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1 IMMEDIATELY THEIR WORKMAN'S COMP COSTS ARE REDUCED BY 40% AND  
2 THEIR ENERGY COSTS ARE REDUCED BY 60%, AND THEY'RE NOT MAKING  
3 IT TO CANADA, THEY'RE JUST MAKING IT TO IDAHO AND I THINK --

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE LOW COSTS IN  
6 TERMS OF FACILITY AND THEIR EMPLOYEES ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO  
7 FIND A HOUSE TO LIVE IN FOR 40,000 DOLLARS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** WOULDN'T WE LIKE TO REDUCE, WHAT'D YOU SAY 360  
10 MILLION AND REDUCE THAT WORKMAN'S COMP COSTS BY 40%, THAT'D BE  
11 LESS 120 MILLION DOLLAR HIT.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T QUARREL WITH YOU ON WORKMAN'S  
14 COMPENSATION. I'M SAYING SOME OF THE OTHER THINGS IN THIS  
15 BILL, I'M NOT GOING TO VOTE FOR, BUT EVERYBODY ELSE CAN VOTE  
16 FOR, WE CAN TAKE A VOTE RIGHT NOW.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, IT'S NOT A MATTER OF BEING STUBBORN MADAM  
19 CHAIR WE'RE JUST TRYING TO MAKE OUR COUNTY AND STATE, YOU  
20 KNOW, COMPETITIVE AND TO KEEP JOBS HERE WHICH WE ALL NEED  
21 BECAUSE THEY WIND UP IN OUR SYSTEM IF THEY DON'T HAVE JOBS. SO  
22 I'LL MOVE A CONTINUANCE FOR TWO WEEKS.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED. LET ME CALL UP ITEM  
25 3 FIRST, AND THEN WE'LL -- THEN I'M GOING TO ASK FOR A REPORT



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1 FROM THE C.A.O. AND FROM COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT. MR. BAXTER?  
2 IS THERE ANOTHER GROUP THAT WANTED TO SPEAK ON S-1? OH, MIKE,  
3 MIKE YOU WANTED TO SPEAK ON S-1. I'M SORRY. MR. BAXTER, JUST  
4 STAY RIGHT THERE.

5

6 **MR. BAXTER:** YEAH OKAY.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS MARGE KELLY HERE OR OPPENHEIM?

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ### PHIL STARTS HERE #### MR. BAXTER, THEN  
11 I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO COME BACK, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE  
12 TO COMPLETE, WE DID NOT COMPLETE THE QUESTION.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** A QUESTION RELATIVE TO THE CHANGES THAT ARE  
15 BEING MADE, WHAT EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO FIND THOSE  
16 PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CHILDREN POSTED ON THE WEBSITE?

17

18 **MARJORIE KELLY:** MARJORIE KELLY, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
19 FAMILY SERVICES. I HAVE TWO OF MY STAFF WITH ME TODAY, JON  
20 OPPENHEIM AND ED WINDSOR, WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THESE  
21 ISSUES AND I'D LIKE THEM TO COME FORWARD AND PARTICIPATE.

22

23 **JON OPPENHEIM:** JON OPPENHEIM, CHIEF DEPUTY OF CHILDREN AND  
24 FAMILY SERVICES. WITH RESPECT TO THE PHOTOGRAPHS, WE'VE  
25 RECENTLY MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR



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1 VEHICLE IN OUR MOVING FORWARD WITH ARRANGEMENTS TO BE ABLE TO  
2 HAVE ALL FOSTER CHILDREN RECEIVE A CALIFORNIA I.D. CARD WHICH  
3 WILL PROVIDE BOTH A PHOTO, DIGITIZED IN THEIR DATABASE AND A  
4 THUMBPRINT WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED BY ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT  
5 OFFICIAL SO THAT IF A CHILD RUNS AWAY, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO TAP  
6 INTO THAT DATABASE AND MOVE THAT DIGITIZED PHOTO TO OUR  
7 MISSING CHILD WEBSITE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT TOOLS ARE WE NOW USING FOR THOSE  
10 CHILDREN WE DON'T HAVE PHOTOGRAPHS OF?

11

12 **JON OPPENHEIM:** FOR THE NEW CHILDREN COMING INTO THE SYSTEM  
13 WE'RE TAKING A DIGITIZED PHOTOGRAPH AT THE COURTHOUSE. FOR  
14 THOSE CHILDREN THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN A MISSING STATUS THAT WE  
15 DON'T HAVE A PHOTOGRAPH FOR, OBVIOUSLY WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO  
16 OBTAIN ONE UNTIL WE'RE ABLE TO RECOVER THOSE CHILDREN.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW OFTEN IS THE WEBSITE UPDATED?

19

20 **JON OPPENHEIM:** THE WEBSITE IS UPDATED DAILY.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MANY CALLS HAVE WE RECEIVED SINCE WE  
23 WENT ON-LINE?

24



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1   **JON OPPENHEIM:** I DON'T KNOW THAT WE'VE RECEIVED ANY SPECIFIC  
2   CALLS REGARDING A CHILD WHO'S BEEN SEEN ON THE WEBSITE.

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE WE FOUND ANY AS A RESULT OF THE WEBSITE?

5

6   **JON OPPENHEIM:** I HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT ANY CHILD HAS BEEN  
7   FOUND DIRECTLY AS A RESULT OF THE WEBSITE.

8

9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN UP?

10

11   **JON OPPENHEIM:** SIX WEEKS.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABOUT SIX WEEKS. PERHAPS AFTER TWO MONTHS,  
14   YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE AS TO HOW MANY HITS WE'VE BEEN RECEIVING  
15   DAILY, WEEKLY, AND --

16

17   **JON OPPENHEIM:** YES, WE WILL DO THAT.

18

19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ALSO SUGGESTIONS ON HOW WE CAN IMPROVE  
20   IT.

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22   **JON OPPENHEIM:** YES.

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24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THOSE WERE THE QUESTIONS I HAD.  
25   THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT. MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** JON, ON THIS, IT'S ONE THING TO HAVE THE WEBSITE,  
9 I APPRECIATE THE WEBSITE, AND -- BUT I'M CONCERNED. YOU KNOW,  
10 IN THE WHOLE ELIZABETH SMART THING, I MEAN, IT WAS A FULL  
11 COURT PRESS. EVERYBODY WENT OUT, THEY WENT LOOKING. RIGHT?

12

13 **JON OPPENHEIM:** CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK PROBABLY A LOT OF THAT WAS WHY, 'CAUSE  
16 SHE HAS PARENTS AND THEY INSISTED. THESE CHILDREN ARE MISSING,  
17 TOO. HOW DOES A SOCIAL WORKER HANDLE THE SITUATION WHEN THIS  
18 CHILD IS MISSING?

19

20 **JON OPPENHEIM:** NO THE FIRST THING YOU DO IS CHECK WITH  
21 FRIENDS, RELATIVES, SCHOOLS, THE OBVIOUS THINGS. WE PREPARE,  
22 AFTER 24 HOURS, A WARRANT THAT IS ADOPTED BY THE DEPENDENCY  
23 COURT SO THAT IT'S LIKE THE EQUIVALENT OF AN ARREST WARRANT.  
24 IT'S A LOCATE AND HOLD WARRANT FOR ANY DEPENDENT CHILD. WE  
25 HAVE A DUE DILIGENT CHECKLIST THAT THE SOCIAL WORKER COMPLETES





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1 TO DOCUMENT THAT THEY'VE DONE ALL THE THINGS THAT THEY'RE  
2 REQUIRED TO DO, AND THAT GOES TO THE COURT WITH THE REQUEST  
3 FOR A WARRANT. WE DO REALIZE THAT WE ARE COMPETING FOR SCARCE  
4 TIME AND RESOURCES OF THE POLICE OFFICERS WHO ARE LOOKING FOR  
5 MISSING CHILDREN AND THAT WE NEED TO KEEP OUR KIDS AS IN FRONT  
6 OF THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS AS A CONCERNED PARENT WOULD, LIKE THE  
7 SMART FAMILY SO.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO HOW WOULD THEY KNOW? HOW WOULD THE POLICE  
10 KNOW?

11

12 **JON OPPENHEIM:** WE FILE A MISSING PERSON REPORT WITH THE POLICE  
13 DEPARTMENT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THAT GOES INTO A BIG BOOK SOMEWHERE?

16

17 **JON OPPENHEIM:** IT GOES INTO A BIG BOOK SOMEWHERE AND YOU HAVE  
18 TO MAKE REPEATED CALLS TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR KIDS ARE GETTING  
19 THE SAME RELATIVE ATTENTION AS ANY OTHER CHILD --

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHERE WOULD I GO TO FIND OUT IF YOU PAID  
22 ATTENTION TO THIS ONE CHILD THAT IS LOST? L.A.P.D. COUNTY  
23 SHERIFF'S? PASADENA? WHERE DO I GO.

24



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1   **JON OPPENHEIM:** IN L.A.P.D., YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE INDIVIDUAL  
2   STATIONS WHERE THE REPORT IS FILED. THEN THAT'S WHAT WE DO,  
3   HAVE THEM -- SOCIAL WORKER CONTACT THEM --

4

5   **SUP. MOLINA:** SO YOU WOULD KNOW WHAT STATION IT'S FILED AT.

6

7   **JON OPPENHEIM:** YES, WE WOULD.

8

9   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND HOW OFTEN DOES A SOCIAL WORKER CALL?

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11   **JON OPPENHEIM:** THE SOCIAL WORKER IS EXPECTED TO CALL EVERY  
12   OTHER DAY.

13

14   **SUP. MOLINA:** SHE CALLS EVERY OTHER DAY. SO THIS CHILD'S NOW  
15   BEEN MISSING NOW FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS.

16

17   **JON OPPENHEIM:** THEY WOULD NOT CALL EVERY OTHER DAY FOR SIX  
18   MONTHS, BUT THEY WOULD FOR THE FIRST SEVERAL WEEKS, MAKE  
19   SEVERAL CONTACTS WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

20

21   **SUP. MOLINA:** SO NOW THEY'RE CALLING EVERY SO OFTEN AND WHAT DO  
22   THEY TELL THEM?

23



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1   **JON OPPENHEIM:** THEY JUST ASK WHAT THE STATUS OF THE SEARCH,  
2   MAKE THEM AWARE THAT WE'RE STILL CONCERNED ABOUT THIS CHILD  
3   BEING MISSING.

4

5   **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT LET'S THINK ABOUT IT JON, LET'S THINK ABOUT  
6   IT. I'M A MOMMY. OKAY? I'M CALLING AND THEY'RE GOING TO SAY,  
7   "WELL, WE'RE LOOKING FOR HER."

8

9   **JON OPPENHEIM:** THAT'S CORRECT.

10

11   **SUP. MOLINA:** NOT VERY REASSURING.

12

13   **JON OPPENHEIM:** NO, IT'S NOT.

14

15   **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT'S ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS SAY, "WE'RE  
16   LOOKING FOR HER," SO IT'S NOT NOW MY RESPONSIBILITY TO GO  
17   LOOKING FOR HER.

18

19   **JON OPPENHEIM:** WELL, IT'S THE -- WITH THE WARRANT AND THE  
20   MISSING PERSONS REPORT, IT IS THE RESPECTIVE POLICE  
21   JURISDICTION'S RESPONSIBILITY, IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS WELL  
22   TO CONTINUE TO CONTACT --

23

24   **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT POLICE ARE NOT LOOKING. YOU KNOW THE POLICE  
25   ARE NOT LOOKING FOR HER.



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2 **JON OPPENHEIM:** WELL I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY'RE NOT LO --

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY DIDN'T ASSIGN IT.

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6 **JON OPPENHEIM:** LOOKING, THEY HAVE SCARCE RESOURCES AND THEY  
7 ARE ASSIGNED BUT --

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOW LET'S GO BACK AGAIN. THERE'S GOT TO BE  
10 SOMETHING DIFFERENT. DAVID, SO THIS CHILD IS MISSING. HELP ME  
11 HERE. WE'RE THE PARENTS AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE SATISFIED  
12 WITH THE FACT THAT WE CALL UP A POLICEMAN AND HE SAYS, "WELL,  
13 WE'RE STILL LOOKING." DON'T WE HAVE MORE RESPONSIBILITY THAN  
14 THAT?

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL I THINK YOU PROBABLY HAVE A LEGAL ANSWER  
17 AND A MORAL ANSWER. I WOULD IMAGINE ANY PARENT WHO HAS LOST  
18 THEIR CHILD AND THEY DON'T KNOW WHY, IT'S NOT BECAUSE THE  
19 CHILD IS A BEHAVIOR PROBLEM OR SOMETHING ELSE, IS GOING TO  
20 CONTINUE TO HARASS AND HARASS AND HARASS THE JURISDICTIONS WHO  
21 ARE LOOKING FOR THE CHILD. I DON'T KNOW WHAT OUR LEGAL  
22 RESPONSIBILITY IS, THE PARENT, THE SUBSTITUTE PARENT FOR THE  
23 CHILD IS.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT IS THE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY, BILL?



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**COUNSEL PELLMAN:** I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE IS ANY SPECIFIC LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY ONCE THE CHILD HAS VANISHED. MY UNDERSTANDING IS, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE PERCENTAGES ARE, SUPERVISOR, AS TO HOW MANY CHILDREN ARE ABDUCTED AND UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, OUR LIABILITY WOULD PROBABLY BE HIGHER BECAUSE -- ESPECIALLY IF WE'VE PUT THE CHILD INTO HARM'S WAY SO THE CHILD WOULD BE ABDUCTED VERSUS WHERE A CHILD TAKES OFF, LEAVES THE HOME, LEAVES THE SETTING, ABSENT SOME KNOWLEDGE ON OUR PART THAT THE CHILD IS NOT BEING SUPERVISED PROPERLY WITHIN THE SETTING, WHETHER IT'S A GROUP HOME OR AN INDIVIDUAL HOME, AS FAR AS A LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY, WE PROBABLY DON'T HAVE A LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY OTHER THAN TO CONTINUE TO TRY TO SEARCH AND TRY TO HELP IN WHATEVER WAY WE CAN TO GET THAT CHILD BACK.

15

**SUP. MOLINA:** I GUESS I'M TROUBLED WITH THE FACT THAT, YOU KNOW, I DIDN'T REALIZE THERE WERE SO MANY, AND WHEN I FOUND OUT THERE ARE SO MANY AND I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW YOU FIND THEM, THE ONE THAT WE JUST FOUND RECENTLY IS WE FOUND HER BECAUSE SHE WAS ARRESTED, AND SHE WAS WITH HER BOYFRIEND, WHICH WE COULD HAVE FOUND OUT ON DAY ONE, AND THEY WERE ROBBING A LIQUOR STORE AND THEY GOT CAUGHT. BUT WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS I DON'T KNOW HOW WE DON'T GO FINDING THEM, I MEAN, IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN THAT HARD TO FIND HER WITH HER BOYFRIEND, WE KNEW WHO HE WAS. AND THAT'S WHAT I GUESS I'M CONCERNED



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1 ABOUT. SO I THINK THAT BESIDES PUTTING UP A WEBSITE AND HOPING  
2 THAT PEOPLE GO IN THERE, I'M HAVING TROUBLE FINDING IT, BY THE  
3 WAY, IT'S NOT LINKED. YOU HAVE TO GO INTO CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
4 AND ADOPTIONS IN ORDER TO FIND THE MISSING CHILDREN LINK. IF  
5 YOU JUST ARE LOOKING FOR MISSING CHILDREN OR LOOKING FOR A  
6 SITE, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FIND IT. YOU HAVE TO GO INTO THE  
7 DEPARTMENT, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT YOU HAVE TO GO IN AND YOU  
8 FIND IT. IT'S NOT ON THE COUNTY WEB PAGE, NUMBER ONE. BUT  
9 SECOND OF ALL IS THAT I THINK THERE HAS TO BE A SET OF  
10 PROTOCOLS THAT HAVE TO BE FOLLOWED ABOUT FINDING THESE  
11 CHILDREN. SO IN THE INSTANCE WITH THIS CHILD THAT ROBBED THE  
12 LIQUOR STORE, CAN WE PULL THE FILE ON THAT TO FIND OUT, YOU  
13 KNOW, WHEN THEY WENT LOOKING FOR HER AND WHO THEY CHECKED  
14 WITH, THE RELATIVES AND THE BOYFRIEND AND SO ON?

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16 **JON OPPENHEIM:** IT SHOULD BE DOCUMENTED IN THE CASE RECORD.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT SHOULD BE.

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20 **JON OPPENHEIM:** IT SHOULD BE.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN YOU CAN GET IT FOR ME?

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24 **JON OPPENHEIM:** YES.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** GOOD. BECAUSE I THINK THAT WE NEED TO SEE A SET  
2   OF PROTOCOLS WHEN WE HAVE A CHILD THAT'S MISSING, AND IT HAS  
3   TO BE ALMOST LIKE THE MOTHER OR THE DAD, THE SAME SET OF  
4   PROTOCOLS OF WHAT YOU WOULD DO. IT CAN'T BE JUST LIKE, "OH,  
5   THEY LEFT." NOW I KNOW THERE ARE MANY MISSING CHILDREN AND I  
6   KNOW THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DOES TREAT IT AS THEY'RE  
7   MISSING. BIG DEAL, IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME. BUT IN OUR  
8   NEIGHBORHOOD, WE HAD ONE THAT THE SHERIFFS DID NOT PAY  
9   ATTENTION TO AND SHE WAS FOUND DEAD A DAY LATER, AND I JUST  
10  THINK THAT, AGAIN, JUST 'CAUSE YOU'RE 15 YEARS OLD, THERE ARE  
11  A LOT OF POLICE, FOLKS SAY, "HEY, SHE WENT OFF WITH HER  
12  BOYFRIEND, SOMETHING HAPPENED, WE CAN'T CONSIDER THAT  
13  SERIOUS," YOU HAVE TO BE, YOU KNOW, LIKE NINE-YEAR-OLD OR  
14  YOUNGER, BUT SHE WAS KIDNAPPED AND SHE WAS KILLED. AND WE JUST  
15  NEED TO START CHANGING OUR ATTITUDE ABOUT SOME OF THESE  
16  CHILDREN. THEY JUST AREN'T PART OF A GROUP OF FOLKS THAT  
17  DECIDE TO LEAVE ON THEIR OWN ALL OF THE TIME. AND SOMETIMES  
18  THEY CAN BE FOUND AND THEY SHOULD BE FOUND. SO I WOULD LIKE --  
19  I'M GOING TO ASK YOU ABOUT THAT. I'D LIKE TO SEE THE REPORT ON  
20  THAT BECAUSE I'M CURIOUS AS TO WHAT THEY DID. SHE'S BEEN WITH  
21  HER BOYFRIEND EVERY SINGLE DAY SINCE SHE LEFT OUR SYSTEM, AND  
22  I GUESS THEY RAN OUT OF MONEY AND HAD TO ROB A LIQUOR STORE IN  
23  ORDER TO GET SOME. SO NOW SHE'S IN PROBATION AND SHE'LL ABLE  
24  TO BE RELEASED FROM THERE IN THREE MONTHS AND SHE'LL COME BACK  
25  TO US, AND WE'LL PROBABLY PLACE HER AGAIN AND THEN SHE'LL RUN





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1 AWAY AGAIN. I THINK WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY WHEN YOU HAVE A  
2 HIGH-RISK CHILD LIKE THAT TO DO SOMETHING OTHER THAN JUST TO  
3 CONTINUE TO PLACE THEM, AND THAT'S MY CONCERN.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL NOW GO BACK TO  
6 ITEM 3, I BELIEVE IT IS, IT WAS HELD BY MR. BAXTER. WHILE HE'S  
7 COMING UP, I HAVE A MOTION THAT I'M INTRODUCING FOR NEXT WEEK.  
8 IT'S ON THE WHOLE ISSUE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.  
9 WE RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE ADULT FILM INDUSTRY. SINCE THEN, I  
10 RECEIVED A CALL FROM ASSEMBLYMAN CORETTES WHO WAS INTERESTED  
11 IN HOLDING HEARINGS, STATE HEARINGS ON THIS ISSUE OF THE  
12 HEALTH ISSUES AS IT RELATES TO PEOPLE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE  
13 ADULT FILM INDUSTRY, AND I'M GOING TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD SEND  
14 A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR AND DIRECTOR OF CAL O.S.H.A.  
15 FORWARDING THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT AND REQUESTING CAL O.S.H.A.  
16 TO REVIEW THE APPLICABILITY OF DESIGNATED SECTIONS OF THE  
17 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS THAT MAY BE APPLICABLE TO THE  
18 ADULT FILM INDUSTRY AND REVIEW THE NEED FOR NEW STANDARDS TO  
19 PROTECT SEX INDUSTRY WORKERS FROM OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE TO  
20 SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES AND OTHER HEALTH RISKS AND  
21 REQUIRE A WRITTEN INDUSTRY PLAN FOR WORKERS HEALTH AND SAFETY  
22 EITHER UNDER APPLICABLE AUTHORITY OF TITLE 8 OR UNDER NEW  
23 REGULATIONS, AND THAT WILL BE FOR NEXT WEEK. I'M PASSING IT  
24 OUT. HOWEVER, ASSEMBLYMAN CORETTES DID SAY THAT HE WILL BE



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1 HOLDING HEARINGS AND LOOKING AT APPROPRIATE STATE LEGISLATION  
2 THAT SHOULD BE IN EFFECT. YES MR. BAXTER?

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4 **PETER BAXTER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD,  
5 MR. JANSSEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS PETER BAXTER AND  
6 I LIVE AT 1319 INGRAHAM STREET IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS  
7 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THAT THIS ITEM CONCERNS THE CELEBRATION  
8 OF THE PROCLAMATION OF VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK. VICTIMS' RIGHTS  
9 IS AN EFFORT TO BE FAIR AND JUST IN COMPENSATION FOR THE WRONG  
10 WHICH A VICTIM HAS SUFFERED. THE QUESTION I RESPECTFULLY RAISE  
11 IS WHETHER IT IS FAIR AND JUST TO THE VOTERS OF THE PENDING  
12 ELECTIONS IN WHICH THE HONORABLE JAMES KENNETH HAHN SHALL BE  
13 IN COMPETITION WITH OTHER CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE IN THE CITY,  
14 IN THE COUNTY, IN THE STATE, AND IN THE UNITED STATES WHEN THE  
15 SEAT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BEARS NAME  
16 HIS NAME. IS THAT FAIR TO THE VOTERS AND THE COMPETING  
17 CANDIDATES IN THESE PENDING ELECTIONS? DO YOU BELIEVE THAT A  
18 PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE WHO IS TO COMPETE WITH MAYOR  
19 HAHN HAS A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD WHEN THE SEAT OF THE GOVERNMENT  
20 OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS NAMED THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF  
21 ADMINISTRATION. A MEMBER OF THIS CURRENT BOARD MIGHT WELL BE A  
22 CANDIDATE IN SUCH A FUTURE ELECTION COMPETING AGAINST MAYOR  
23 HAHN, AND THE ONLY AUTHORITY THAT REMAINS TO KEEP THIS NAME  
24 ABOVE THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION IS IN THIS PARTICULAR BOARD



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1 OF FIVE MEMBERS, ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED. I  
2 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL MOVE THAT ITEM.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
9 ORDERED.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE THE NAME TO THE BURKE  
12 BUILDING WHEN BURKE RUNS FOR MAYOR. [ LIGHT LAUGHTER ].

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH. THAT'S ONE WAY TO MAKE SURE IT NEVER  
15 CHANGES, HUH? I'M GOING TO CALL UP ITEM 41. I JUST WANTED TO  
16 INDICATE THAT I HAD SUGGESTED THAT THE PEOPLE FROM ACORN WHO  
17 WANTED TO MAKE A STATEMENT THAT THEY -- WE WILL RECOGNIZE TWO  
18 SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM. JODY KENT IS GOING TO COME UP AND MAKE  
19 A STATEMENT.

20

21 **JODY KENT:** GOOD MORNING. I'M JODY KENT WITH THE L.A. COALITION  
22 TO END HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE  
23 SAVE THE SAFETY NET COALITION MADE UP OF SERVICE PROVIDERS,  
24 COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND LOW INCOME PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTY. WE  
25 ACTUALLY HAD 65 PEOPLE HERE THIS MORNING WHO ARE OUTSIDE FOR A



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1 PRESS CONFERENCE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR BURKE  
2 FOR PUTTING US ON THE AGENDA THIS MORNING. LAST YEAR, THE  
3 BOARD AGREED TO FUND ONGOING JOB-RELATED EMERGENCY SERVICES  
4 FOR PEOPLE REACHING THEIR 60-MONTH TIME LIMIT OF CALWORKS.  
5 THERE IS NO MONEY IN THE COUNTY BUDGET FOR THESE SERVICES NEXT  
6 YEAR AFTER SEPTEMBER. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES ARE  
7 REACHING THEIR TIME LIMIT. 7300 THIS MONTH ALONE, AND THEY ARE  
8 IN DESPERATE NEED OF THESE SERVICES IN ORDER TO GET GOOD JOBS  
9 AND STABILIZE THEIR LIVES. THE SAVE THE SAFETY NET COALITION  
10 IS HERE TO URGE YOU TO FUND CRITICAL SERVICES FOR TIME LIMITED  
11 ADULTS IN 2003 AND 2004. 50% OF THOSE WHO ARE REACHING THEIR  
12 60-MONTH TIME LIMIT ARE EMPLOYED, BUT HAVE NOT HAD PROPER  
13 TRAINING TO GET JOBS THAT PAY ENOUGH TO SUPPORT THEIR  
14 FAMILIES. THE OTHER 50% FACE THE BIGGEST BARRIERS TO  
15 EMPLOYMENT AND THEY OFTEN HAVE THE MOST UNSTABLE LIVES IN  
16 TERMS OF HOUSING AND CHILD CARE. ACCORDING TO THE FAMILY NEEDS  
17 SURVEY CONDUCTED LAST YEAR BY THE L.A. CHILDREN'S PLANNING  
18 COUNCIL ON THE ECONOMIC ROUND TABLE, THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE ON  
19 WELFARE REPORTED THEIR GREATEST NEEDS WERE JOBS CREATED BY THE  
20 COUNTY AND EDUCATION. THEIR BIGGEST BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT  
21 WERE CHILD CARE, EDUCATION SKILLS, JOB EXPERIENCE, HOUSING,  
22 TRANSPORTATION, AND LIMITED ENGLISH. PEOPLE NEED SUFFICIENT  
23 JOB TRAINING AND THESE OTHER NECESSARY SERVICES BECAUSE MANY  
24 OF THEM WILL NOT HAVE JOBS THAT CAN SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES AND  
25 THEIR LIVES COULD BE PLUNGED INTO CRISIS, SUCH AS HOMELESSNESS



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1 AND HUNGER BECAUSE THEY ARE LOSING A HUGE PORTION OF THEIR  
2 GRANT AND BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T GET SUFFICIENT SERVICES WHEN  
3 THEY WERE ON WELFARE. WE RECOMMEND THAT SERVICES FOR TIME  
4 LIMITED ADULTS BE FUNDED THROUGH THE ELIMINATION OF THE  
5 WELFARE FRAUD INVESTIGATION HOME VISIT PROGRAM WHICH HAS  
6 WASTED OVER 5 MILLION DOLLARS. ANOTHER PROBLEM WE WOULD LIKE  
7 YOU TO ADDRESS IS THAT PEOPLE ARE BEING DENIED ACCESS TO THESE  
8 SERVICES BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT THEM, BECAUSE THEIR  
9 CASEWORKERS DON'T KNOW ABOUT THEM, OR BECAUSE THEY HAVE YET TO  
10 BE IMPLEMENTED. SERVICES FOR POST TIME LIMITED ADULTS WERE  
11 SUPPOSED TO BE AVAILABLE AS OF JANUARY 2003 WHEN THE FIRST  
12 GROUPS OF PARENTS REACH THEIR TIME LIMITS. ACCORDING TO  
13 D.P.S.S. 12,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CUT OFF BECAUSE THEY'VE  
14 REACHED THEIR TIME LIMIT AS OF MARCH 1ST OF THIS YEAR. AS OF  
15 LAST MONTH, 164 PEOPLE HAD APPLIED FOR EVICTION PREVENTION  
16 MONEY. 22 WERE APPROVED, 48 WERE DENIED, AND 94 WERE PENDING.  
17 BUT MONEY FOR EVICTION PREVENTION IS USELESS IF IT IS PENDING.  
18 ONLY 4 PARTICIPANTS HAVE BEEN ENROLLED IN THE COUNTY  
19 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM SINCE OCTOBER 2002 AND THERE ARE  
20 ACTUALLY CURRENTLY ONLY 40 SLOTS AVAILABLE FOR THE ENTIRE  
21 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. TRANSITIONAL SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT WILL  
22 NOT BE UP AND RUNNING UNTIL APRIL OF THIS YEAR. IN ADDITION,  
23 THE COUNTY BOUGHT 35,000 COPIES OF THE SPECIAL EDITION  
24 PEOPLE'S GUIDE ON A 60-MONTH TIME LIMIT TO DISTRIBUTE TO THOSE  
25 REACHING THEIR LIMIT, BUT THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WE HAVE



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1 ENCOUNTERED HAVE NOT SEEN THEM. THIS IS INEXCUSABLE. WE ASK  
2 TWO THINGS OF YOU TODAY. ONE, D.P.S.S. WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE  
3 ALL SERVICES FOR TIME LIMITED ADULTS UP AND RUNNING IN  
4 JANUARY. WE ASK THAT D.P.S.S. DISTRIBUTE THE 60-MONTH PEOPLE'S  
5 GUIDE TO EVERY ENGLISH AND SPANISH SPEAKING PERSON WHO HAS  
6 REACHED THEIR LIMIT AND HAVE ALL EMERGENCY SERVICES UP AND  
7 RUNNING WITHIN TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY. AND, NUMBER TWO, THAT YOU  
8 HAVE THE C.A.O. INVESTIGATE THE COST SAVINGS OF ELIMINATING  
9 THE WELFARE FRAUD HOME VISIT PROGRAM IN ORDER TO SHIFT THESE  
10 FUNDS TO EMERGENCY SERVICES AND JOB TRAINING FOR POST TIME  
11 LIMITED ADULTS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE COUNTY IS UNDER A GREAT  
12 DEAL OF PRESSURE RIGHT NOW FROM VARIOUS GROUPS FACING BUDGET  
13 CUTS, BUT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT JOB TRAINING AND EMERGENCY  
14 SERVICES FOR POST TIME LIMITED ADULTS ARE A PRIORITY. TENS OF  
15 THOUSANDS OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS WILL BE CUT OFF OF AID BY  
16 THE END OF THE YEAR WHICH PRESENTS US WITH A MAJOR SOCIAL  
17 CRISIS THAT CANNOT BE OVERLOOKED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WHO WAS THE OTHER SPEAKER?  
20 ALL RIGHT. OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU KNOW, WE'RE GOING TO  
21 ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS AND THE VERY DISTURBING  
22 COMMENTS MADE BY MAYOR HAHN THAT THE COUNTY WASN'T KEEPING UP  
23 ITS PROMISE FOR CONTRIBUTION LIMITS. AND FIRST OF ALL, I WANT  
24 TO ASK THE C.A.O. AND LIKE TO ASK CARLOS JACKSON TO COME  
25 FORWARD TO JUST REALLY TALK ABOUT AND TELL US WHAT WE'RE



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1    PAYING -- OBVIOUSLY WE PAID 400,000 DOLLARS TOWARDS  
2    L.A.H.S.A., BUT INITIALLY DID WE AGREE THAT WHATEVER THE CITY  
3    OF LOS ANGELES CONTRIBUTED, WE WOULD MATCH THAT, AND WOULD YOU  
4    GIVE US SOME BACKGROUND IN TERMS OF, FIRST OF ALL, WHAT THE  
5    UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT IS, THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDS, AND  
6    ALSO WHAT WE ARE REALLY CONTRIBUTING. I'VE TRIED TO MAKE IT  
7    VERY CLEAR THAT WHILE WE MAY NOT BE PAYING MONEY TO  
8    L.A.H.S.A., WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDING FACILITIES, SHELTERS,  
9    CONSTRUCTION OF THOSE SHELTERS IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, WE'RE  
10    PROVIDING MONEYS THAT SHOULD BE GOING TO THE UNINCORPORATED  
11    AREA THAT WE'RE GIVING TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND WE HAVE  
12    A RESPONSIBILITY TO ALL 88 CITIES. SO FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE  
13    TO GET AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT OUR AGREEMENT WAS AND THE  
14    ARRANGEMENT IN TERMS OF THE INITIAL 400,000 DOLLARS TO  
15    L.A.H.S.A. COUNTY COUNSEL.

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17    **ROBERTA FESSLER, ASS'T. COUNSEL:** YES SUPERVISOR, MEMBERS OF  
18    THE BOARD, THE INITIAL AGREEMENT WAS A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
19    AGREEMENT THAT WAS ENTERED INTO IN 1993, AND IN THAT  
20    AGREEMENT, EACH SIDE AGREED TO CONTRIBUTE 2 AND A HALF MILLION  
21    DOLLARS A YEAR IN PROGRAM -- PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, INCLUDING  
22    IN-KIND AND MONEY THAT WE WOULD GET FROM THE FEDERAL  
23    GOVERNMENT AND FURTHERMORE, FOR THAT FIRST YEAR, THE PARTIES  
24    AGREED TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS ON --  
25    MATCHED ON A DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR BASIS WITH EACH OTHER TOWARD





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1 THE ADMINISTRATIVE COST. THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE TALKED IN SOME  
2 DEPTH ABOUT THE -- ALTHOUGH IT DOESN'T DISCUSS IT THAT WAY,  
3 THE DOLLARS THAT ARE GOING TOWARD THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR  
4 THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY, L.A.H.S.A. THAT  
5 AGREEMENT WAS NOT PART OF THE LITIGATION, IT WAS A SEPARATE  
6 DEAL THAT CAME OUT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS TO RESOLVE THE  
7 LITIGATION, BUT IT WAS NOT PART OF THE ACTUAL SETTLEMENT. THAT  
8 J.P.A. WAS AMENDED IN FEBRUARY OF 2001 AND IN THAT AMENDMENT,  
9 THE CITY AND COUNTY AGREED TO EACH GIVE ALL OF THEIR EMERGENCY  
10 SHELTER GRAND FUNDS THAT THEY RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL  
11 GOVERNMENT PROGRAM MONEY TO L.A.H.S.A. AS WELL AS TOWARD THE  
12 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, THE COUNTY WOULD CONTRIBUTE A MINIMUM OF  
13 912,000 DOLLARS AND THE CITY WOULD CONTRIBUTE A MINIMUM OF ONE  
14 AND A QUARTER MILLION, BUT THEIR MONEY WAS SPECIFICALLY  
15 INDICATED TO BE COMING OUT OF THEIR FEDERAL GRANT MONEY. OUR  
16 912,000 PRIMARILY COMES OUT OF GENERALLY FUND MONEY. SO WHERE  
17 THE COMMENT CAME FROM THAT THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT THAT WE  
18 FOREVER MATCHED DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR, THAT WAS NEVER THE ORIGINAL  
19 AGREEMENT. IT WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS HOTLY NEGOTIATED BACK IN  
20 '93, BUT IN 2001 -- AS OF 2001, THE AGREEMENT SPECIFIES ACTUAL  
21 DOLLAR AMOUNTS FOR THE TWO SIDES TO CONTRIBUTE, AND THOSE  
22 DOLLAR AMOUNTS ARE NOT EQUAL ON THE FACE OF THE DOCUMENT. IT  
23 GOES ON TO SAY AT ITS DISCRETION, EITHER PARTY MAY CONTRIBUTE  
24 ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS, AND IN FACT THREE MONTHS  
25 LATER, THIS BOARD APPROVED AN ADDITIONAL ABOUT A QUARTER OF A



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1 MILLION DOLLARS, SO FOR THE '01/'02 AND '02/'03 YEARS, THE  
2 COUNTY HAS CONTRIBUTED OVER NEARLY 1.2 MILLION, JUST MAYBE  
3 40,000 DOLLARS SHY OF WHAT THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION IS, BUT  
4 AGAIN, OURS COMES OUT OF OUR GENERAL FUND MONEY, THEIRS IS  
5 PASSING THROUGH THEIR H.U.D. MONEY. WE ALSO, IN THOSE YEARS,  
6 WAIVED A LITTLE MORE THAN 60,000 DOLLARS IN LEGAL FEES THAT  
7 OUR OFFICE HAD INCURRED DEFENDING L.A.H.S.A. IN SOME  
8 LITIGATION WHEN IT, YOU KNOW, REQUESTED THAT WAIVER, I THINK  
9 IT WAS RUN THROUGH THE C.A.O. AND THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. BUT  
10 THERE'S NEVER BEEN AN AGREEMENT ALONG THE LINES OF WHAT IS  
11 DESCRIBED IN THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, THAT I'M AWARE OF.  
12 FURTHERMORE, THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF  
13 THE CITY/COUNTY LITIGATION OR THIS CREATION OF THE JOINT  
14 POWERS AUTHORITY THAT AT ALL ADDRESSED THE AMOUNT OF THE  
15 MONTHLY GENERAL RELIEF GRANT AS, I MEAN, MAYOR HAHN HAS  
16 INDICATED IN THE ARTICLE OR IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE  
17 COUNTY AGREED AND AS PART OF THAT SETTLEMENT TO SET THE GRANT  
18 AT A CERTAIN LEVEL. THE GRANT WAS SET -- WAS SET AS A RESULT  
19 OF A SETTLEMENT, BUT IT WAS IN SEPARATE LITIGATION AND IT HAS  
20 SINCE BEEN REDUCED BY ACTION OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON STATE  
21 MANDATES.

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23 **CARLOS JACKSON:** SUPERVISOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I BELIEVE I  
24 ADDRESSED THE BOARD ABOUT TWO OR THREE WEEKS AGO.



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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

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3    **CARLOS JACKSON:** AND READING THE ARTICLE TODAY, I THOUGHT IT  
4    WAS VERY -- A DISSERVICE TO THE COUNTY AND THE BOARD OF  
5    SUPERVISORS. IF I MAY WITHOUT REALLY RAMBLING ON THE NUMBERS,  
6    LET ME JUST SHARE SOME THINGS THAT I HAVE SEEN IN TERMS OF THE  
7    SUPPORT THAT THIS BOARD HAS PROVIDED IN DEALING WITH THE  
8    HOMELESSNESS ISSUE. FIRST OF ALL, THE ARTICLE WAS CORRECT IN  
9    TERMS OF THE DOLLARS, YOU KNOW, THAT THE CITY PUTS IN ABOUT  
10   13.7 MILLION AND THE COUNTY PUTS IN 6.5 MILLION. BOTH ENTITIES  
11   PUT IN BASICALLY FEDERAL DOLLARS. THE COUNTY VALET PUTS IN  
12   GENERAL FUND 805,000 AND THE CITY PUTS IN 500,000. BUT THERE'S  
13   OTHER RESOURCES THAT THE COUNTY PUTS INTO THE WHOLE ISSUE.  
14   FIRST OF ALL, L.A.H.S.A. IS DEALING WITH THE MATTER OF  
15   EMERGENCY SHELTERS. ON THE CONTINUUM OF CARE IN TERMS FOR  
16   HOUSING, THERE'S OTHER COMPONENTS THERE, THERE'S TRANSITIONAL  
17   HOUSING AS WELL AS PERMANENT HOUSING. SINCE THIS BOARD HAS  
18   ADOPTED THE CITY OF INDUSTRY DISTRIBUTION PLAN, WE HAVE  
19   ALLOCATED OR YOU HAVE APPROVED 53 MILLION DOLLARS TO GO INTO  
20   THE CITY OF L.A. FOR HOUSING. OF THAT AMOUNT, 24 MILLION HAS  
21   GONE INTO SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING, AND THIS IS THE KIND OF  
22   HOUSING WHERE, AFTER SOMEONE HAS BECOME HOMELESS AND GONE  
23   THROUGH THE EMERGENCY SHELTER, THEY'RE LOOKING FOR  
24   TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, UP TO 18 MONTHS, AND WE HAVE PROVIDED  
25   FUNDING TO THE TUNE OF ALMOST 25 MILLION DOLLARS. AS A MATTER



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1 OF FACT, TODAY, YOUR BOARD APPROVED TWO PROJECTS FOR THE CITY  
2 OF LOS ANGELES IN ONE OF YOUR ITEMS. ONE FOR PEOPLE WITH  
3 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. AND THE OTHER ONE FOR EMANCIPATED YOUTH.  
4 THERE'S OTHER THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON WITHIN THE COUNTY OF  
5 LOS ANGELES BESIDES DOWNTOWN. WE HAVE FUNDED PROJECTS FOR, FOR  
6 INSTANCE, THE HOMES FOR LIFE, WHICH IS IN THE FIFTH  
7 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, DEALING WITH, AGAIN, HOMELESS  
8 EMANCIPATED YOUTH. DEPARTMENTAL HEALTH HAS PROVIDED OVER 4  
9 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE BELL SHELTER, THE RENOVATION AGAIN,  
10 THAT'S THE EMERGENCY BID. THERE'S ANOTHER ONE IN THE FOURTH  
11 DISTRICT, THE METROPOLITAN STATE HOSPITAL THAT DEPARTMENTAL  
12 HOSPITAL IS PROVIDING RENOVATION DOLLARS. AND THIS IS TO SAY  
13 THAT AS WELL THERE'S AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF SERVICE DOLLARS  
14 THAT ARE BEING PROVIDED TO DEAL WITH THE HOMELESSNESS. FOR  
15 INSTANCE, DEPARTMENTAL HEALTH HAS FUNDED THIS YEAR CLOSE TO 26  
16 MILLION DOLLARS IN SERVICE DOLLARS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL  
17 HOMELESSNESS, THE DUALY DIAGNOSED, THE DIFFICULT ONES. OUR  
18 AGENCY WORKS WITH CITIES, OUR MONEYS GO THROUGH US TO THE  
19 CITIES AND THEY HAVE PROVIDED CLOSE TO HALF A MILLION DOLLARS  
20 AGAIN FOR HOMELESS SERVICES. SO IT'S MISLEADING TO SAY THAT  
21 THE PROBLEM IS ONLY SYSTEMIC TO DOWNTOWN. HOMELESSNESS IS  
22 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THIS BOARD HAS TAKEN  
23 MAJOR STEPS TO ADDRESS THAT. AND I THINK THE ONE CRITICAL ONE  
24 THAT NEEDS TO BE SEEN IS THAT ALTHOUGH WE RECEIVE LESS FEDERAL  
25 DOLLARS THAN THE COUNTY -- THAN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, FOR



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1    INSTANCE, THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, THE  
2    CITY RECEIVES 92 MILLION DOLLARS, THE COUNTY RECEIVES 38  
3    MILLION. OF THAT, HALF OF IT GOES TO PARTICIPATING CITIES, AND  
4    WE HAVE 48 CITIES THAT RECEIVE FUNDING AS PART OF OUR  
5    RESPONSIBILITY. THE EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT, WHICH IS PART OF  
6    THE AGREEMENT, THE CITY RECEIVES 3 MILLION DOLLARS, THE COUNTY  
7    RECEIVES 1 MILLION DOLLARS, A LITTLE BIT OVER ONE MILLION. AND  
8    SO AS YOU START LOOKING -- COMPARING THE NUMBERS, THE CITY  
9    RECEIVES ENORMOUS MORE FUNDS THAN THE COUNTY. THERE'S ONE FUND  
10    THAT THEY ADMINISTER, THAT'S H.O.P.A., HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FOR  
11    PEOPLE WITH A.I.D.S., WHICH IS A LITTLE BIT OVER 10 MILLION  
12    DOLLARS. THE CITY RECEIVES ALL THAT FUNDING TO PROVIDE  
13    HOUSING. SO WHEN YOU GET INTO A SITUATION LIKE THIS WHERE YOU  
14    READ THE ARTICLE AND THE ARGUMENT IS THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS  
15    ANGELES IS NOT DOING ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH THE HOMELESS, THAT'S  
16    MISLEADING, VERY MISLEADING. BECAUSE DEPARTMENTAL HEALTH,  
17    HEALTH SERVICES, D.P.S.S., MY DEPARTMENT AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS  
18    AS WELL ARE PROVIDING THE SERVICES. LET ME GIVE YOU ONE  
19    ILLUSTRATION THAT REALLY BRINGS THE ISSUE TO HEART, AND THAT'S  
20    DEALING WITH THE EMANCIPATED YOUTH HOMELESSNESS ISSUE. TODAY,  
21    YOU HAD A PRESENTATION ON EMANCIPATION, THE WEBSITE. I WOULD  
22    SAY SINCE THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE YEARS, WE HAVE FUNDED CLOSE TO  
23    8 MILLION DOLLARS OF HOUSING, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR  
24    EMANCIPATED YOUTH. THESE ARE GRANTS THAT WE HAVE GIVEN TO  
25    DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS NOT PUT



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1 ONE DOLLAR INTO THAT PURPOSE AS A GRANT, AND, YOU KNOW, AND WE  
2 DON'T SHARE THE SAME RESPONSIBILITY IN THAT. SO THERE ARE  
3 OTHER NUMBERS THAT I COULD PROBABLY SHARE, BUT I THINK IT  
4 WOULD BE, YOU KNOW, JUST OVERSTATING THE FACT THAT THAT IS NOT  
5 AN ACCURATE STATEMENT THAT WAS REFLECTED IN THE NEWS ARTICLE.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I FRANKLY HAVE TO SAY THAT THE  
8 INFORMATION THAT WE RECEIVED IS THAT THE MAYOR REALLY WAS  
9 TRYING TO ARRIVE AT A SETTLEMENT OF THEIR LAWSUIT AND THAT  
10 THAT'S WHAT THIS WAS ALL AIMED AT. I HOPE THAT'S NOT TRUE, BUT  
11 I DO THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA IF WE PUT TOGETHER A REPORT  
12 AS BRIEF AS POSSIBLE AND SUMMARIZE IT THAT WE MAKE AVAILABLE  
13 TO COUNCIL WOMAN PERRY AND ALSO TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF  
14 LOS ANGELES. SO, BECAUSE PERHAPS HE DOESN'T HAVE THE  
15 INFORMATION. YOU KNOW, HE MAY HAVE JUST RECEIVED --

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE WAS AT THE TABLE AS THE LAWYER WHEN HE  
18 SETTLED.

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20 **ROBERTA FESSLER, ASS'T. COUNSEL:** HE WAS THE CITY ATTORNEY.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE WAS THE CITY ATTORNEY, WASN'T HE?

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24 **ROBERTA FESSLER, ASS'T. COUNSEL:** YES.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO MAYBE HE'S FORGOTTEN, SO MAYBE WE SHOULD  
2   STILL PROVIDE THIS --

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4   **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'RE SO KIND, YVONNE.

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6   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PUT THIS TOGETHER AND REPORT AND MAKE IT  
7   AVAILABLE TO HIM AS WELL AS TO COUNCIL WOMAN PERRY AND OTHERS  
8   WHO MIGHT HAVE AN INTEREST IN THIS.

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10   **SUP. MOLINA:** YVONNE, I APPRECIATE THAT, BUT YOU KNOW, THERE  
11   ARE PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE DONE MORE THAN OUR PART, NOT ONLY IN  
12   THE SETTLEMENT OF THIS. I WAS INVOLVED AS THE CITY COUNCIL  
13   WOMAN WHO FILED THE LAWSUIT AT THE TIME, AND WHEN I CAME HERE  
14   WE WERE INVOLVED IN THE SETTLEMENT AS WELL. BUT THE REALITY IS  
15   IS THAT, YOU KNOW, THEY CAME HERE ONCE AND TRIED TO LAY IT OUT  
16   TO US THAT WE WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT, AND I THINK THAT THEY  
17   HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE TO DO SOME WORK ON THEIR  
18   PART. WE HAVE MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES OUT THERE, WE HAVE OUR  
19   SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY OUT THERE --

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21   **CARLOS JACKSON:** HEALTH SERVICES.

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23   **SUP. MOLINA:** -- WE HAVE SOBRIETY BEDS, AGAIN NOT A LOT, BUT  
24   SOME. NOW, THEY HAVE TO HELP US ON THAT END OF IT, AND I THINK  
25   THAT JUST BY PUSHING THE BLAME THRU PRESS CONFERENCES AND





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1 OTHER SHOWY KIND OF THINGS IS NOT GOING TO GET ANYBODY TO GO  
2 HERE, AND I THINK THAT -- I DON'T WANT TO BE IN THIS KIND OF  
3 SITUATION WHERE, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE TO ONE UP THEM ON EACH ONE,  
4 BUT I THINK THIS SHOULD BE CLEARLY COMMUNICATED WHAT WE HAVE  
5 DONE, AND IF THEY WANT TO GET THE GOAL, WE CAN DEVELOP A  
6 PARTNERSHIP, WHICH IS WHAT I THOUGHT WE NEEDED TO DO BEFORE WE  
7 FILED THE LAWSUIT ABOUT HOW TO GET THESE PEOPLE OFF THE  
8 STREET. HOMELESSNESS IS NOT GOING TO GO AWAY, BUT IF THEY WANT  
9 THOSE BUSINESSES, AND I UNDERSTAND IT'S REALLY MISERABLE TO  
10 SEE WHAT GOES ON OVER THERE, MISERABLE, BUT THE REALITY IS  
11 YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP THESE FOLKS MOVING, AND EITHER THEY'RE  
12 GOING INTO MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES, EITHER THEY'RE GOING TO  
13 GO INTO HOUSING, OR THEY'RE GOING TO GO INTO D.P.S.S., TO JOB  
14 REFERRAL, WHATEVER IT IS, BUT THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ARE  
15 LETTING THEM SIT ON THOSE SIDEWALKS ALL DAY LONG, AS I  
16 UNDERSTAND, AND SO THE ENCAMPMENTS AND OTHERS THAT GO WITH IT,  
17 THEY HAVE A DUTY AS WELL, AND WE CAN JOIN IN TEAMS THAT WE CAN  
18 PUT TOGETHER SO THAT WE COULD GO IN THERE AND ASSIST THOSE  
19 FOLKS WHO WANT TO BE ASSISTED. SOME WILL NEVER WANT ANY  
20 ASSISTANCE, WHICH IS FINE, BUT I THINK THAT THEY NEED TO STOP  
21 POINTING THE FINGER.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL ANOTHER THING THAT HAS TO BE  
24 EMPHASIZED THAT WE HAVE VERY LIMITED AUTHORITY TO GO IN AND  
25 REMOVE THEM.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M NOT ASKING THAT ANYBODY BE REMOVED, I'M  
3 SAYING --

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO I'M SAYING BUT IF THAT'S THE ISSUE THAT  
6 THEY'RE ADDRESSING,

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL AGAIN THEN THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING --

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WHEN JAN PERRY CAME HERE THAT'S WHAT  
11 SHE WAS ADDRESSING, AND THAT'S UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY  
12 OF LOS ANGELES. WE CAN CERTAINLY PROVIDE A FACILITY AND WE CAN  
13 PROVIDE SERVICES FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ALCOHOLISM  
14 SERVICES, IF THE PERSON IS WILLING, I THINK THAT THE SHERIFF  
15 IS IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO SET UP SOME KIND OF A FACILITY  
16 FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE ARRESTED SO THAT THEY CAN BE MOVED INTO  
17 SOME KIND OF A FACILITY RATHER THAN GOING THROUGH THE CRIMINAL  
18 JUSTICE SYSTEM. ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE VERY IMPORTANT, BUT I  
19 DO THINK THAT WHEN SOMEONE MAKES CHARGES AND STATES IN A VERY  
20 PUBLIC FORUM, WE HAVE TO RESPOND BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE DON'T  
21 KNOW THE BACKGROUND AND THEY DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS, AND  
22 UNLESS WE MAKE THAT'S THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ANYONE  
23 WHO'S INTERESTED, IT WILL BE REPEATED AGAIN AND AGAIN AND  
24 THOSE SAME CHARGES WILL CONTINUE. SO BUT I ALSO THINK IT WOULD  
25 BE WORTHWHILE FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD TO TALK WITH THE CITY AND



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1 TO MEET WITH THE MAYOR IN A VERY REAL WAY TO ARRIVE AT WHAT  
2 KIND OF A PARTNERSHIP WE CAN, BRINGING THE RESOURCES THAT WE  
3 HAVE TO BEAR AS WELL AS THE RESOURCES THEY HAVE, BUT IT'S NOT  
4 GOING TO HELP ANYONE TO HAVE A LOT OF CHARGES AND  
5 INCRIMINATION.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT, BUT I THINK THAT THAT'S THE KEY, IS  
8 THAT AT THIS POINT IN TIME THAT'S WHERE THEY ARE PLAYING IN  
9 THE L.A. TIMES, AND INSTEAD OF PLAYING ON A REAL, YOU KNOW,  
10 PLANNING STAGES OF WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO, THE MONEY ISSUE, I  
11 WISH IT WERE JUST A MONEY ISSUE, IT'S A MATTER OF ACTIONS. AND  
12 SO THE REALITY IS IT HAS TO BE COORDINATED. I THINK THAT TEAMS  
13 SHOULD GO IN THERE, THERE ARE CITY FOLKS, OUR FOLKS, AND TO  
14 THOSE FOLKS THAT WANT TO BE HELPED, WE CAN GET THEM TO A  
15 SOBRIETY BED, WE CAN GET THEM INTO SOME KIND OF A HOMELESS  
16 SHELTER IF THEY'RE INTERESTED, CERTAINLY NOT AROUND THE CORNER  
17 FROM WHERE THEY WANT IT, WHICH IS SOME OF THEIR COMPLAINTS,  
18 BUT I THINK TEAMS DO NEED TO BE DEVELOPED AND SOMETHING  
19 MEANINGFUL NEEDS TO BE OFFERED TO THEM. BUT I KNOW THIS MUCH,  
20 HAVING BEEN OVER THERE AT THE CITY LEVEL, I WAS VERY CONCERNED  
21 ABOUT THE LACK OF SERVICES IN THE COUNTY, THAT THE COUNTY NOT  
22 PROVIDING THEIR FAIR SHARE. SINCE I'VE COME HERE, THE  
23 SETTLEMENT WAS PART OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY, WHICH WE PUT IN  
24 PLACE, I WOULD'VE DONE IT DIFFERENTLY, BUT THAT'S THE WAY IT  
25 WAS SETTLED, BUT THE SERVICES ARE NOW THERE, WE DO HAVE MENTAL



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1 HEALTH TEAMS THERE, I KNOW BECAUSE WE'VE PUT THEM IN THERE.  
2 D.P.S.S. IS OUT THERE, WE COULD DEVELOP COORDINATED TEAMS AND  
3 WE HAVE HOUSING, WE JUST DON'T HAVE IT AROUND THE CORNER FOR  
4 THEM, AND THAT'S ANOTHER PROBLEM THAT THEY MAY HAVE. BUT I  
5 THINK THAT A POSITIVE TEAM WE PUT TOGETHER AND I'M JUST  
6 CONCERNED THAT IF THIS CONTINUES AT THIS LEVEL, THEN I THINK  
7 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO STEP UP AND BECOME MORE VOCAL ABOUT IT  
8 AND HAVE PRESS CONFERENCES OF OUR OWN ABOUT IT, WHICH I PREFER  
9 NOT TO DO, I PREFER TO HELP WORK WITH THE CITY AS WE SHOULD  
10 HAVE DONE FROM DAY ONE AND FIND SOME SOLUTIONS, AND I THINK  
11 THE SOLUTIONS ARE GOING TO BE BY SITTING DOWN WITH SOME OF OUR  
12 PEOPLE, WHETHER IT BE IT CARLOS, YOU KNOW, MARV SOUTHARD, YOU  
13 KNOW, ALL OF OUR FOLKS, AND FIGURING OUT HOW WE CAN TEAM UP  
14 AND FIGURE OUT HOW TO HELP THOSE PEOPLE THAT WANT TO BE  
15 HELPED. OTHERS MAY NOT, YOU KNOW, IF THEY WANT TO LAY ON THE  
16 SIDEWALK ALL DAY LONG, THEN THE CITY IS GOING TO HAVE A  
17 DIFFERENT PROBLEM TO DEAL WITH, AND UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN ONLY  
18 SOLVE AND HELP THOSE PEOPLE THAT WANT TO BE HELPED. AND YOU'RE  
19 RIGHT, WE HAVE NO ABILITY TO TAKE THEM IN, WE HAVE NO ABILITY  
20 TO EVEN, YOU KNOW, FORCE THEM TO TAKE THEIR MEDICATION, WE  
21 DON'T HAVE ANY OF THOSE ABILITIES BY STATE LAW, BUT I DO THINK  
22 THAT THIS NONSENSE ABOUT POINTING FINGERS ABOUT MONEY IS NOT  
23 THE WAY TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM, AND PASSING ON THE BLAME. SO  
24 HOPEFULLY THEY CAN WORK -- WE CAN WORK ON SOMETHING POSITIVE.  
25 SO DAVID, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO OFFER THAT UP IN A LETTER



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1 THAT THIS BOARD IS WILLING TO MEET THE CITY AND DEAL WITH  
2 THOSE ISSUES WITH THE RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE AS WE MADE IN OUR  
3 AGREEMENT, AND I THINK THAT WAS PART OF IT AS WELL AS THOSE  
4 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, AND THAT, YOU KNOW, WE WILL OFFER, AND IF  
5 HE WANTS TO MEET WITH ANY OF US AS BOARD MEMBERS, WE'D BE  
6 WILLING TO DO IT. I REPRESENT THAT AREA IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA  
7 SO I'D BE WILLING TO MEET WITH THEM, BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO BE  
8 OVER, YOU KNOW, THIS THING ABOUT YOU'VE GOT TO PUT IN MORE  
9 MONEY FOR THE DOWNTOWN BECAUSE WE REPRESENT UNINCORPORATED  
10 AREAS IN WHICH THAT MONEY IS SUPPOSED TO BE GOING TO, AND THEY  
11 REPRESENT THE CITY AND THEY'RE GETTING THE DOLLARS THAT THEY  
12 ARE GETTING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND IMPLEMENTING AND  
13 PUTTING IN THERE, WHICH AGAIN, BUT WE CAN HOPEFULLY ENRICH  
14 WHAT THEY'RE DOING BY SUPPLEMENTING IT WITH SOME OF THE  
15 SERVICES, HOPEFULLY, THAT WE CAN PUT IN PLACE WHERE PEOPLE  
16 WANT TO BE HELPED. BUT I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE COMMUNICATED  
17 DIRECTLY, DAVID.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, WE WERE SUCCESSFUL WITH THE MENTAL  
22 HEALTH LEGISLATION THIS YEAR WHICH TOOK EFFECT IN JANUARY AND  
23 WE WILL BE IMPLEMENTING IT IN APRIL WHERE WE DO HAVE THE  
24 OPPORTUNITY OF PROVIDING THE MEDICAL CARE AND TREATMENT FOR  
25 THOSE MENTALLY ILL HOMELESS AND THAT PROJECT IS FORTHCOMING.



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1 BUT LET ME ASK THE DEPARTMENT, CARLOS, IS THERE A DIFFERENT  
2 FORMULA FOR THE CITY TO RECEIVE FUNDS FOR THIS ISSUE THAN THE  
3 COUNTY?

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5 **CARLOS JACKSON:** NO THE FORMULA IS THE SAME FOR THE COMMUNITY  
6 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AS OURS. IT'S THE SAME  
7 FORMULA.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEY'RE ABLE TO RECEIVE MORE FUNDS  
10 BECAUSE?

11

12 **CARLOS JACKSON:** WELL THERE'S THREE FACTORS THAT GO INTO THE  
13 FORMULA, AND IF I CAN BE REAL SIMPLE ABOUT IT, IT'S POVERTY,  
14 OVERCROWDED HOUSING, AND POPULATION. AND WHEN THEY, BASED ON  
15 THE I GUESS THE 2000 CENSUS NOW, SO BASED ON THAT DATA IS PUT  
16 INTO -- AND H.U.D. GIVE US THE NUMBER, WE DON'T MANIPULATE  
17 THOSE NUMBERS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WHEN THE COUNTIES OF THE STATE OF  
20 CALIFORNIA ARE INVOLVED IN THE SOCIAL HEALTH AND WELFARE  
21 SERVICES, WHY WOULD THE CITIES SIPHON OFF THOSE FUNDS? IT'D BE  
22 MUCH MORE ECONOMICAL AND EFFICIENT IF WE HAD ONE AGENCY DOING  
23 IT THAN THE CITY WHO IS NOT DOING IT.

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1 **CARLOS JACKSON:** WELL, YOU KNOW, THE L.A. HOMELESS SERVICE  
2 AUTHORITY IS THE J.P.A., AND THERE'S, YOU KNOW, BASED ON THE  
3 AGREEMENT, THERE'S MONEYS THAT GO INTO THAT AGENCY FROM BOTH  
4 ENTITIES, AND THEY'RE ALSO THE APPLICANT FOR THE CONTINUING OF  
5 CARE HOUSING, THAT THEY ARE THE APPLICANTS TO H.U.D. FOR THOSE  
6 SOURCES AND THEN BOTH CITY AND COUNTY AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS  
7 PROVIDE SOME SUPPORT. BUT ON THE FEDERAL DOLLARS, THEY USE THE  
8 SAME FORMULA.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT HERE YOU HAVE A CITY WHICH IS RIDING AT  
11 ITS CORE IN THE CENTER OF THE COUNTY AND ALL OF THE OTHER 87  
12 CITIES ARE SUFFERING FROM THAT PROCESS.

13

14 **CARLOS JACKSON:** IN TERMS OF RECEIVING THE FEDERAL DOLLARS, NO,  
15 THERE'S ONE MAJOR DISTINCTION, LIKE THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL,  
16 WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF 50,000 OR LESS. THEY HAVE TO EITHER  
17 APPLY THROUGH THE STATE FOR THEIR FEDERAL DOLLARS OR THROUGH  
18 US, AND SO IN OUR 38 MILLION THAT WE'VE RECEIVED, THERE'S A  
19 PROPORTION OR THERE'S A FACTOR THAT GOES IN AND THE CITY OF  
20 SAN GABRIEL GETS "X" DOLLARS. THE CITIES THAT HAVE A  
21 POPULATION OF 50,000 OR LESS, WHICH IS PROBABLY ABOUT HALF OF  
22 THE 88 CITIES, MOST OF THEM RECEIVE THEIR FUNDS THROUGH US.  
23 THE OTHER CITIES OF 50,000 OR MORE, LIKE PASADENA, GET DIRECT  
24 FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, LIKE THE CITY OF LOS  
25 ANGELES. AND THOSE FUNDS HAVE TO STAY WITHIN THE CITY.





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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. THE CITY OF PASADENA HAS DONE A VERY  
3 GOOD JOB, AND I'VE HELPED WITH THEIR UNION STATION, WHICH IS  
4 PUBLIC, IT'S REALLY A PRIVATE SUPPORT ENTITY AND THEY DO AN  
5 INCREDIBLE JOB ALONG WITH OTHER GROUPS OVER THERE. IT WOULD  
6 SEEM THAT IF THAT LAW WAS CHANGED WHERE WE HAD THE SAME  
7 FORMULA THAT WE DO FOR THE OTHER CITIES UNDER 50,000 TO APPLY  
8 FOR THOSE OVER 50,000 WE COULD ADDRESS THIS DEFICIENCY WHICH  
9 THE CITY HAS.

10

11 **CARLOS JACKSON:** I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION IN THE  
12 SENSE THAT IF AN ENTITLEMENT CITY RECEIVED THEIR FUNDINGS,  
13 IT'S UP TO THAT LOCAL JURISDICTION LIKE THE BODY TO DETERMINE  
14 HOW THE FUNDING SHOULD BE SPENT BASED ON CRITERIA AND  
15 REGULATIONS. JUST AS YOUR BOARD DOES, YOU KNOW, AND WE WORK  
16 WITH YOUR OFFICE, EACH OF THE OFFICES ABOUT HOW TO SPEND THE  
17 MONEY. THERE ARE SOME RESTRICTIONS HOW MUCH YOU CAN SPEND ON  
18 PUBLIC SERVICES, LIKE IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
19 PROGRAM, IT'S 50% OF YOUR ENTITLEMENT, SO IT'S RESTRICTED, AND  
20 IT'S ALSO FOR LOW INCOME.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE CRUCIAL NEED ARE MENTAL HEALTH  
23 SERVICES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS. THOSE FUNDS ARE NOT --  
24 THE FUNDS THAT ARE NEEDED ARE NOT BEING DELIVERED FOR THOSE  
25 REQUIRED PROGRAMS TO DEAL WITH THAT SEGMENT OF THE POPULATION.



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2 **CARLOS JACKSON:** YOU'RE CORRECT IN THAT THE REGULATIONS THAT GO  
3 TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM ONLY TALK  
4 ABOUT ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES. IT DOESN'T MANDATE THAT SO MUCH BE  
5 ALLOCATED FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES. THEREFORE, IT'S UP TO THE  
6 LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, LIKE THE CITY COUNCIL, TO MAKE THAT  
7 DETERMINATION.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE MENTALLY ILL PROGRAMS ARE  
10 ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNTY, NOT THE CITY, AND IT WOULD SEEM  
11 THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CAPTURE SOME OF THOSE FUNDS TO BEGIN  
12 TREATING THOSE PEOPLE TO GET THEM OFF THE STREET INSTEAD OF IN  
13 A CARDBOARD BOX.

14

15 **CARLOS JACKSON:** I'M GOING TO ADDRESS THE MENTAL HEALTH PART OF  
16 IT BECAUSE --

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S A LARGE SEGMENT.

19

20 **CARLOS JACKSON:** RIGHT, AND IN TERMS OF STREAM -- THE FUNDING  
21 STREAM FOR THAT. I KNOW THAT UNDER THE FUNDS THAT WE  
22 ADMINISTER, IF YOU DECIDE TO DO SOMETHING THAT IS AROUND  
23 MENTAL HEALTH AND IT'S ELIGIBLE, IT COULD BE SPENT. BUT THE  
24 REVENUE STREAM THAT FOR DEPARTMENTAL HEALTH, I COULDN'T  
25 ADDRESS THAT, I'M NOT --



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, BUT THAT'S AN AREA OF NEED WHICH IS  
3 NOT BEING GENERATING THE FUNDS TO MEET BECAUSE OF A FORMULA  
4 THAT IS DEvised TO ELIMINATE THAT PORTION WHICH MAKES A  
5 SIZABLE POPULATION, SUCH AS -- A SIZABLE POPULATION OF THE  
6 SKID ROW CLIENTELE HAVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS AND  
7 MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS, AND THAT'S WHERE WE WANT TO TARGET  
8 THOSE FUNDS.

9

10 **CARLOS JACKSON:** YOU'RE CORRECT, SUPERVISOR, IN THAT UNDER THE  
11 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, IT'S SILENCE ABOUT  
12 TARGETED RESOURCES, IT ONLY TALKS ABOUT WHAT ARE ELIGIBLE  
13 ACTIVITIES, IT DOESN'T TALK ABOUT PRIORITIZING THE RESOURCES.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD YOU GIVE US SOME PROPOSED CHANGES IN  
16 POLICY OR RECOMMENDED STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD MAKE SOME  
17 OF THESE CHANGES SO FUNDS COULD BE GENERATED FROM EXISTING  
18 REVENUES TO TARGET THIS POPULATION.

19

20 **CARLOS JACKSON:** IT WOULD HAVE TO BE FEDERAL --

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FINE. WE HAVE RELATIONS FROM THE  
23 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, IT'S ALL THE WAY THE TO THE TOP, SO THAT'S  
24 NOT A PROBLEM, THE PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE IS GETTING THAT  
25 INFORMATION AVAILABLE SO WE CAN MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES,



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1 YOU KNOW, I, YOU KNOW, BASICALLY IN SKID ROW, ALMOST WELL  
2 WEEKLY I'M IN SKID ROW, AND MANY TIMES, A FEW TIMES A WEEK AND  
3 THERE IS -- THAT'S WHY, YOU KNOW, WE PUSHED SO HARD WITH  
4 ASSEMBLY WOMAN THOMPSON'S LEGISLATION ON MENTAL HEALTH TO  
5 START GETTING SOME TREATMENT PROGRAMS, BUT THERE'S A LARGE  
6 REVENUE STREAM THAT'S NOT BEING USED TO GET THESE PEOPLE BACK  
7 ON THEIR FEET.

8

9 **CARLOS JACKSON:** I'D BE GLAD TO RESEARCH THAT.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IF YOU COULD DO THAT.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.  
14 YOU ARE GOING TO PREPARE A REPORT, THOUGH, AND --

15

16 **CARLOS JACKSON:** RIGHT, BASED ON YOUR MOTION FROM SEVERAL WEEKS  
17 AGO.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. I HAVE NO OTHER  
20 ITEMS AND, OH, I'M SORRY, I'LL MOVE THAT ITEM.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED, ITEM 41. WITHOUT  
25 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR KNABE?



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

3 SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY

4 OF MR. BRAD ELLIS. BRAD WAS A LIFELONG HERMOSA BEACH RESIDENT

5 AND LOCAL CONTRACTOR, A CIVIC VOLUNTEER AND AVID VOTER. HE WAS

6 INVOLVED IN A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN HERMOSA,

7 INCLUDING COACHING YOUTH SPORTS AND HELPING TO BUILD A BETTER

8 COMMUNITY. HE ASSISTED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF BATTING CAGES

9 AT CLARK FIELD IN HERMOSA AND THE BROADCAST STUDIO AT MIRA

10 COSTA HIGH SCHOOL. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, PATTY. ALSO THAT

11 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MR. PAUL HOOD, A 60 YEAR WESTCHESTER

12 RESIDENT, HE SERVED IN WORLD WAR II AND IN 1949 GRADUATED FROM

13 U.S.C. WITH A DEGREE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING. HE HELPED BUILD THE

14 CALIFORNIA AQUEDUCT, HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

15 POST 177 AND WAS A PRECINCT WORKER DURING LOCAL ELECTIONS FOR

16 THE PAST TWO DECADES. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARTHA. ALSO

17 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. RICHARD CALVIN. HE WAS FORMER

18 CHIEF OF SURGERY AT ST. MARY MEDICAL CENTER, PASSED AWAY ON

19 JUNE 22ND AFTER A FALL. HIS DAUGHTER REMEMBERED HIS DEVOTION

20 TO PATIENTS AND HIS LOVE OF THEATRE AND LANGUAGES. HE'S

21 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, PAULINE, OF 61 YEARS, SISTERS EVELYN,

22 AMY AND DAUGHTERS PATRICIA, STEPHANIE AND HILARY, AND FOUR

23 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MR. WILLIAM

24 STOVER. HE -- WILLIAM WAS THE FATHER OF MICHAEL STOVER WHO'S

25 THE ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER OF LAKEWOOD. HE WILL BE



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1 DEEPLY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. FINALLY, THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
2 MEMORY OF MR. WILLIAM RAMSEL, HE WAS A FORMER LONG BEACH CITY  
3 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR FOR NEARLY TWENTY YEARS AND A  
4 VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE BETTY, DAUGHTERS  
5 PATRICIA, BARBARA AND LESLIE, SON WILLIAM, THREE GRANDSONS AND  
6 TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAD A COUPLE OF ITEMS. ON ITEM 16, BASICALLY I  
11 JUST HAD AN AMENDMENT THAT IN BOTH PARTS ONE AND TWO OF THE  
12 MOTION THAT WE'D ADD "I CAN," AS A LEAD AGENCY.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FINE.

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16 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, WITH THAT I'D MOVE THE ITEM, MADAM CHAIR.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. 16,  
19 RIGHT? WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THEN ON ITEM 49, I HAD SOME QUESTIONS OF  
22 PUBLIC WORKS, MR. NOYES, IF HE'S STILL HERE.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WE HAVE ONE PERSON WHO'S ASKED TO SPEAK  
25 ON THIS.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH JIM, OBVIOUSLY I HAVE SEVERAL QUESTIONS  
3 BEFORE I VOTE ON THIS THAT, YOU KNOW, LIKE THE FIRST ONE IS,  
4 WHAT IS THE PURPOSE BEING SERVED BY THE FORMING OF THE JOINT  
5 POWERS AND WHAT CAN THIS NEW GROUP DO THAT THE RIVERS AND  
6 MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY CAN'T ALREADY DO?

7

8 **JIM NOYES:** MAINLY, SUPERVISOR, WE BELIEVE IT'LL FACILITATE THE  
9 TIMELINESS OF WORKING ON JOINT PROJECTS AS WELL AS MAKING  
10 OURSELVES MORE APPEALABLE, IF YOU WILL, AS WE TRY TO SECURE  
11 GRANT FUNDINGS FROM THE VARIOUS SOURCES THAT WOULD BE  
12 AVAILABLE TO THE J.P.A. YOU'RE RIGHT. THEY WOULD ALSO BE  
13 AVAILABLE TO THE CONSERVANCY BY ITSELF OR TO THE COUNTY BY  
14 ITSELF, BUT WE THINK WITH THE JOINT APPROACH, WE WOULD BE IN A  
15 BETTER POSITION.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** WHY CAN'T WE JUST DO AN M.O.U. 'CAUSE I MEAN,  
18 INSTEAD OF SETTING UP AN ENTIRE NEW ORGANIZATION, A BOARD OF  
19 DIRECTORS, I MEAN, IT'S HARD TO KEEP TRACK OF ALL THE NEW  
20 GROUPS THAT ARE FORMING, YOU KNOW, WITH THE TWO RIVERS.

21

22 **JIM NOYES:** I DON'T KNOW AS WE EVER LOOKED AT THE ISSUE OF  
23 WHETHER OR NOT WE COULD DO IT BY AN M.O.U. I DON'T KNOW IF  
24 COUNSEL, BILL DO YOU KNOW IF?

25





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1 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** SUPERVISOR, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THAT WAS  
2 SPECIFICALLY CONSIDERED AS AN ALTERNATIVE. I'M NOT SURE THAT  
3 AN M.O.U. WOULD TOTALLY OVERCOME WHAT MR. NOYES HAS INDICATED  
4 WOULD BE A PERCEIVED BENEFIT AT LEAST OF HAVING THIS NEW  
5 ORGANIZATIONS.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL THE NEXT QUESTION THEN BECOMES WILL THE  
8 J.P.A., ONCE AGAIN, THIS IS THE QUESTION WE HAVE UP AND DOWN  
9 THE RIVER, WILL BE, WILL IT BE COMPETING WITH CITIES AND OTHER  
10 ELIGIBLE GROUPS FOR STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING, THIS NEW J.P.  
11 A.? WILL IT BE JUST ONE MORE APPLICATION IN THE PROCESS?

12

13 **JIM NOYES:** IT COULD BE BUT WELL WE ENVISIONED IT AS A  
14 COOPERATIVE WORKING TOGETHER WITH A CONSERVANCY BOARD AND  
15 TRYING TO ACHIEVE ITS GOALS AND ITS PLANS WITH THE SAN GABRIEL  
16 RIVER MASTER PLAN THAT THE BOARD HAS ORDERED US TO ADOPT AND  
17 IMPLEMENT.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL DOES J.P.A. THEN HAVE EMINENT DOMAIN POWERS?

20

21 **JIM NOYES:** NO.

22

23 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** NO.

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1   **JIM NOYES:** THE BOARD -- THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
2   NOT LOSE ANY OF ITS AUTHORITY OR POWER THROUGH THE  
3   IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS J.P.A. IF WE WERE TO DO SOMETHING ON  
4   OUR OWN, WE WOULD STILL HAVE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN ORDER  
5   TO ACCOMPLISH ANY OF THE PURPOSE OF THE J.P.A. NONE OF YOUR  
6   POWERS WOULD BE DELEGATED TO THE J.P.A., TO US OR TO THE  
7   CONSERVANCY.

8

9   **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, BEING A -- I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, YOU COULD ACT  
10  INDEPENDENTLY THEN BECAUSE FLOOD CONTROL WILL STILL COME BACK  
11  TO THE BOARD, BUT WHAT GUARANTEES ARE THERE THAT THE J.P.A.,  
12  YOU KNOW, WOULD NOT TRY TO USURP LOCAL CONTROL. I MEAN, YOU  
13  KNOW, RED LIGHTS GO OFF WITH THE NEW J.P.A. AND, YOU KNOW, ALL  
14  THE BATTLES WE'RE HAVING UP AND DOWN THE RIVER, WHO HAS  
15  CONTROL AND TRYING TO -- WHAT GUARANTEES ARE GOING TO BE THAT  
16  THEY WOULD NOT USURP THE REGULATORY OR GOVERNING CONTROLS OF  
17  THE CITIES UP AND DOWN THE RIVER?

18

19  **JIM NOYES:** I THINK I'D HAVE TO DO A LITTLE MORE RESEARCH TO  
20  ACCURATELY ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, SUPERVISOR, BUT AS I RECALL  
21  THE LEGISLATION THAT CREATED THE CONSERVANCY IN THE FIRST  
22  PLACE IT PUT SOME LIMITS, IF YOU WILL, AS TO THE POWERS AND  
23  AUTHORITIES OF THE CONSERVANCY, AND THAT MIGHT BE A RED LIGHT  
24  AS TO WHAT THEY COULD DO OR NOT DO. WE DO NOT HAVE TO -- THE  
25  BOARD DOES NOT HAVE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM TODAY. IF YOU WISH,



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1 WE COULD EXAMINE THESE QUESTIONS FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS,  
2 INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF THE M.O.U. AND GET BACK TO YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** PROBABLY BE GOOD JUST TO HAVE IT IN WRITING FROM  
5 COUNCIL AND I THINK I'D FEEL A LITTLE MORE COMFORTABLE. I  
6 MEAN, YOU KNOW, THE SURFACE WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT LOOKS LIKE,  
7 YOU KNOW, A NICE, CLEAN IDEA, BUT, I MEAN, WE'VE GOT ALL THESE  
8 J.P.A.S GOING UP AND DOWN THOSE RIVERS, AND IF WE COULD JUST  
9 SORT OF ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES THAT I'VE RAISED HERE THIS  
10 MORNING AND BRING IT BACK IN TWO WEEKS, IF THAT'D BE OKAY WITH  
11 YOU, MADAM CHAIR. OKAY.

12

13 **JIM NOYES:** WE'LL BE GLAD TO DO THAT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** BELINDA'S HERE. IS THAT OKAY, BELINDA? OKAY. DO  
16 YOU WANT TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS AT THIS POINT?

17

18 **BELINDA V. FAUSTINOS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, OR GOOD  
19 AFTERNOON RATHER, BELINDA FAUSTINOS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE  
20 RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY. WE SEE THIS VEHICLE AS  
21 SOMETHING THAT WILL BE VERY BENEFICIAL IN TERMS OF BRINGING  
22 ADDITIONAL STATE REVENUES TO THE COUNTY AND WE'RE LOOKING AT  
23 IT AS A POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR DOING JOINT PROJECTS AND  
24 SPECIFICALLY THOSE PROJECTS THAT ARE IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
25 AREAS WHERE WE DO NOT HAVE A CITY PROPONENT, AND ALSO WITHIN



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1 CITIES WHERE WE'RE LOOKING AT DOING PROJECTS WITHIN THE RIGHT-  
2 OF-WAY, FOR INSTANCE FOR PUBLIC WORKS WHERE WE MIGHT BE ABLE  
3 TO ENTERTAIN BRINGING BOND DOLLARS TO THOSE PROJECTS, SO THIS  
4 IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK OUR BOARD IS DEFINITELY SUPPORTIVE  
5 OF. OBVIOUSLY THEY PASSED THIS ON FEBRUARY 28TH. WE'VE HAD THE  
6 CITY REPRESENTATIVES ON OUR BOARD THAT ARE FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF  
7 SEEING THIS GO FORWARD. WE'RE LOOKING AT OPPORTUNITIES AND I  
8 THINK AS A WIN-WIN SITUATION, FRANKLY, FOR ALL CONCERNED, TO  
9 TRY TO IMPLEMENT SOME OF THE BROAD VISION THAT WE HAVE FOR  
10 RIVER GREENWAY PROJECTS.

11  
12 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

13  
14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO WHAT YOU'RE --

15  
16 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL I THINK MY -- I THINK I'M OKAY WITH IT, BUT I  
17 JUST -- IF WE CAN WAIT A COUPLE OF WEEKS AND HAVE COUNCIL COME  
18 BACK WITH SOME ANSWERS TO THE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

19  
20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SO IT'LL BE CONTINUED FOR TWO  
21 WEEKS?

22  
23 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT A MINUTE. [ INAUDIBLE ].  
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1   **JIM NOYES:** NO, SUPERVISOR. THERE IS NO CONSERVANCY MEETING  
2   THIS MONTH. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CONSERVANCY IS TENTATIVELY  
3   SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 24TH. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT -- PARDON?

4  
5   **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT DELAY DOESN'T HURT US?

6  
7   **JIM NOYES:** NO, IT DOESN'T HURT US.

8  
9   **BELINDA V. FAUSTINOS:** YEAH APRIL 17TH IS OUR NEXT MEETING, YES  
10   THE 17TH, SO WE HOPE TO HAVE IT IN PLACE BEFORE THAT TIME, IF  
11   POSSIBLE.

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13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS.

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15   **SUP. KNABE:** UMM, LET'S SEE, I DON'T -- I DON'T BELIEVE I'VE  
16   HELD ANY OTHER ITEMS, MADAM CHAIR.

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18   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

19  
20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE WHEN WE  
21   ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF SOME GOOD FRIENDS WHO PASSED AWAY.  
22   MANNY HARMON, WHO WAS THE BIG BAND STYLE ORCHESTRA LEADER, WHO  
23   PLAYED FROM EVERYONE'S INAUGURATIONS FROM DWIGHT DAVID  
24   EISENHOWER, RONALD REAGAN, GERALD FORD, BETWEEN 1956 THROUGH  
25   1992, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. HE WAS INTERNATIONALLY



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1 KNOWN, HE WAS REALLY A UNIQUE INDIVIDUAL, A GOOD FRIEND, HE  
2 PLAYED FOR MANY OF MY EVENTS, HE HAD A GREAT REPUTATION FOR  
3 COCKTAIL DINNER DANCING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THROUGHOUT  
4 THE NATION. HE BECAME KIND OF A HOUSEHOLD WORD AT EACH OF THE  
5 VARIOUS POLITICAL EVENTS THAT WE WOULD HAVE. AND AGAIN, HE  
6 PASSED AWAY AT 93 AND HE -- I CAN'T SAY HE DIED WITH HIS BOOTS  
7 ON, HE DIED WITH HIS BATON IN HIS HAND, HE WAS JUST A  
8 WONDERFUL PERSON. ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND WHO PASSED AWAY THIS  
9 WEEK WAS JOSEPH COORS, WHO CREATED A -- MANY PEOPLE DON'T  
10 REALIZE, A GRADUATE OF CORNELL WITH HIS BACHELOR AND MASTERS  
11 IN ENGINEERING, BUT HE WAS REALLY THE INNOVATOR OF THE FIRST  
12 MAJOR RECYCLING PROGRAM IN THE UNITED STATES, AND THAT WAS THE  
13 RECYCLING OF COORS ALUMINUM CANS. HE WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR  
14 ESTABLISHING THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION. HE WAS ALSO QUITE  
15 INVOLVED WITH HIGHER EDUCATION AND WAS A -- JUST A NICE, A  
16 NICE MAN. HIS SON NOW IS PRESIDENT OF COORS CARRYING ON THAT  
17 TRADITION. HE LEAVES HIS WIFE, ANN. HE ALSO LEAVES FIVE  
18 CHILDREN AND A BROTHER AND A SISTER AND HIS WIFE, ANN COORS.  
19 SO I MOVE WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY, ALONG WITH SYLVIA DENHAM,  
20 WHO WAS INVOLVED WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF OPERATING ROOM NURSES  
21 IN LOS ANGELES AND WAS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
22 NURSE'S ASSOCIATION. JOSEPHINE MARY FORSE GUZMAN, WHO WAS AN  
23 EDUCATOR AT THE LANCASTER SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR MANY YEARS,  
24 TEACHING THE EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN AT ELDORADO AND  
25 JOSHUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. WE SHUNG YU, WHO WAS FORMER CONSUL



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1   HOLDING HOSTS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND INDIA, INDONESIA,  
2   COSTA RICA, Uruguay, LOS ANGELES, HIS DAUGHTER KATHERINE  
3   WORKED IN MY OFFICE. SHE NOW WORKS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
4   AND HE LEAVES HIS WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN. PEDRO ORTEVILLA, A  
5   LONG-TIME BUSINESS LEADER AND OWNER OF PETE'S AND LUCY'S  
6   VILLAGE LIQUOR IN VERDUGO CITY. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88.  
7   GILES MEAD, WHO WAS THE DIRECTOR AT ONE TIME OF THE LOS  
8   ANGELES COUNTY OF NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM DURING THE 1970S AND  
9   DURING HIS TENURE AT THE MUSEUM, THAT'S WHERE THE 8.5 MILLION  
10   DOLLAR WING WAS BUILT ADJACENT TO THE GEORGE C. PAIGE MUSEUM  
11   WHICH OPENED THE LA BREA TAR PITS. HE RETIRED IN 1978,  
12   RETURNING TO HIS FAMILY-OWNED RANCH IN NAPA, CALIFORNIA. NELLY  
13   NASATIER, WHO WORKED AT THE LOS ANGELES SCHOOL BOARD, BEFORE  
14   HER MARRIAGE, WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE MALVENIA WILD  
15   CHILDREN SERVICE GUILD, SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER AND SON,  
16   MICHAEL, WHO WAS A CLASSMATE OF MINE. CHARLES OTIS BUCK  
17   STAPLETON II, A BURBANK RESIDENT WHO WAS KNOWN AS BUCK THE BIG  
18   BAND MAN WHEN HE JOINED THE GLEN MILLER ARMY NATIONAL BAND  
19   WITH AL HURT DURING WORLD WAR II. HE LEAVES HIS THREE CHILDREN  
20   AND WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN THE BURBANK AREA. JAY LORRE PURCELL,  
21   WHO WORKED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AS A REALTOR, AND ALONG WITH  
22   ALICE BECKAN FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND ALICE MOIR, WHO  
23   PASSED AWAY FROM THE SHERMAN OAKS AREA. SO I MOVE THAT WE  
24   ADJOURN IN THEIR MEMORY. FOR NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA, LOS ANGELES  
25   COUNTY IS ONE OF MANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WHICH PERMIT





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1    APPLICANTS TO CONTRACT DIRECTLY WITH CONSULTANTS IN THE  
2    PREPARATION OF E.I.R.'S. ALTHOUGH THE LEGALITY OF THE PROCESS  
3    HAS BEEN REVIEWED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BY THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM  
4    AND FOUND TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH SEQUA, AS LONG AS THE  
5    ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT REFLECTS THE INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT OF  
6    THE LEAD AGENCY. HOWEVER, THERE'S ALWAYS BEEN AN ISSUE AS TO  
7    THE IMPARTIALITY OF THE PROCESS GIVEN THE DIRECT TIE BETWEEN  
8    THE APPLICANT AND THE CONSULTANT. RECENT DISCLOSURES REGARDING  
9    CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES HAVE ONLY  
10   EXASPERATED THE PERCEPTION THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM. THE RECENT  
11   STUDY OF SEVERAL, OR SURVEY OF SEVERAL NEIGHBORHOODS  
12   NEIGHBORING JURISDICTIONS DISCLOSED THAT THERE ARE A VARIETY  
13   OF ALTERNATIVE METHODS TO BE USED FOR THE PREPARATION OF SUCH  
14   DOCUMENTS. SOME AGENCIES SUCH AS THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
15   ARRANGE FOR THE PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTS BY THE AGENCY THROUGH  
16   THE USE OF AN R.F.P. PROCESS. OTHERS LIKE ORANGE COUNTY  
17   UTILIZE THREE PARTY CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE AGENCY. THE  
18   APPLICANT AND THE CONSULTANT TO LEAD IN THE PREPARATION OF  
19   THAT DOCUMENT. OTHERS USE A CERTIFIED LIST OF APPROVED  
20   CONSULTANTS FROM WHICH APPLICANTS CAN SELECT THE ENTITY TO  
21   PREPARE SUCH DOCUMENTS. EACH OF THESE TECHNIQUES IS DESIGNED  
22   TO ENSURE THAT THE CONSULTANT HAS EVERY INCENTIVE TO PREPARE  
23   AND COMPLETE AN ACCURATE DOCUMENT. IN A RECENT REPORT TO THE  
24   BOARD BY OUR DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, IT RAISED  
25   SEVERAL ISSUES REGARDING THE COSTS AND LENGTH OF TIME THAT



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1 SOME OF THE ALTERNATIVES COULD ENTAIL. THESE ARE LEGITIMATE  
2 CONCERNS BUT THE VALUE OF AN EVEN GREATER ARM'S LENGTH  
3 APPROACH TO THE PREPARATION OF THESE DOCUMENTS OUTWEIGH THOSE  
4 CONCERNS. THE DEPARTMENT OUGHT TO BE INSTRUCTED TO REVIEW EACH  
5 OF THE ALTERNATIVES IN GREATER DETAIL ALONG WITH ANY OTHERS  
6 THAT MAY EXIST AND RETURN ITS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO  
7 WHICH ALTERNATIVE IT FEELS WOULD BEST ENSURE THE PREPARATION  
8 OF ACCURATE AND COMPLETE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS AND AVOID  
9 EVEN THE PERCEPTION OF PARTIALITY IN THE PREPARATION PROCESS.  
10 SO FOR NEXT WEEK, I WAS GOING TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT  
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING TO REVIEW ALTERNATIVE  
12 TECHNIQUES REGARDING THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
13 DOCUMENTS AND RETURN TO THE BOARD IN 90 DAYS WITH ITS  
14 RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO REVISIONS TO IMPROVE THE COUNTY'S  
15 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT PROCESS.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S FOR NEXT WEEK, OR IS THAT A REPORT  
18 BACK?

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S -- UMM, WELL, IT'S FOR A REPORT BACK,  
21 MR. PELLMAN, SO COULD WE ASK THEM TO DO THAT TODAY?

22

23 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** I BELIEVE YOU COULD, SINCE IT IS CALLING FOR  
24 A REPORT BACK, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE CHANGING YOUR PROCEDURES  
25 UNTIL YOU'VE HAD THAT KIND OF REPORT BACK.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT OKAY?

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4 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** YES.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. SO IT'S MOVED.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
9 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. JANSSEN, A WHILE AGO, I DON'T REMEMBER IF  
12 WE HAVE RECEIVED THE INFORMATION, BUT IT WOULD PROVIDE US WITH  
13 THE FORMULA FOR THE SALES TAX BREAKDOWN, THE DISTRIBUTION  
14 BETWEEN CITIES AND COUNTY. COULD YOU PROVIDE THAT TO THE  
15 BOARD? AND THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE YEARS, PROBABLY THE LAST SIX  
16 YEARS, THIS BOARD HAS ALWAYS GONE ON RECORD IN SUPPORTING  
17 ELIZABETH HILL'S LEGISLATIVE ANALYST'S PROPOSALS ON REFORMING  
18 THE FINANCING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE PERSONALLY HAD HER  
19 BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TESTIFYING. WE HAVE PERSONALLY  
20 BEEN WITH HER IN SACRAMENTO WHEN WE'VE GONE TO THE STATE  
21 LEGISLATURE, AND IT'S A DOCUMENT THAT PROVIDES A GOOD  
22 FOUNDATION AS TO HOW WE ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. WITH THE STATE IN  
23 A FISCAL CRISIS AS IT IS, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT, YOU KNOW,  
24 WE SEND A LETTER ONCE AGAIN ASKING THEM TO REVIEW ELIZABETH  
25 HILL'S DOCUMENT AS TO FINANCING, REFORMING THE FISCAL



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1 OPERATIONS OF THE SCHOOLS, CITIES, COUNTIES, AND SPECIAL  
2 DISTRICTS, AND THAT WAS WHAT SHE WAS ATTEMPTING TO DO, AND IF  
3 WE COULD JUST SEND THAT LETTER AGAIN ALONG WITH ASKING THE  
4 C.A.O. IF THEY COULD PROVIDE IN THREE OR FOUR WEEKS SOME  
5 RECOMMENDATIONS AS WELL ON HOW THE FINANCING FORMULA COULD BE  
6 IMPROVED THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T UNDERSTAND. A LETTER FROM ALL OF US, OR A  
9 LETTER FROM?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, A LETTER FROM -- LIKE WE DID BEFORE WITH  
12 ELIZABETH HILL ASKING --

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT HAVE YOU SENT BEFORE, DAVID?

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE SENT 5-SIGNATURE LETTERS ON THE --

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING, ARE YOU ASKING FOR A 5-  
19 SIGNATURE LETTER?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO REVIEW ELIZABETH HILL'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVEN'T SEEN IT THAT'S WHY I DON'T KNOW.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO WE HAVEN'T DRAFTED IT SO.



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1

2 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, NO I HAVEN'T SEEN THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT  
3 ELIZABETH HILL HAS MADE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH SHE TESTIFIED HERE BEFORE THIS BOARD,  
6 YOU WERE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE ONE THREE YEARS AGO?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S THE RECOMMENDATION WE'RE TALKING  
11 ABOUT, NOT A NEW RECOMMENDATION, HER PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS  
12 AS TO FINANCING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON CHANGES AND  
13 RECOMMENDATIONS, IT TAKES STATE LEGISLATION.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** YEAH BUT MICHAEL I DON'T MEAN TO BE  
16 DISRESPECTFUL, BUT WHY DIDN'T THEY PAY ATTENTION THE LAST  
17 TIME?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, THEY HAD ALL THIS MONEY AND THEY  
20 THOUGHT THERE WAS NEVER GOING TO BE A PROBLEM SO, I DON'T KNOW  
21 --

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO WE'VE ALWAYS HAD A FINANCING PROBLEM, EVEN  
24 WHEN THEY HAD MONEY. OKAY, AS LONG AS IT ISN'T FOR SIGHT  
25 UNSEEN, 'CAUSE I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY NEW REPORTS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, THERE'S BEEN NO NEW ONES, JUST THE  
3 PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS THAT SHE'S HAD.

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE WILL -- WE'LL PULL OUT THAT REPORT AND  
6 CIRCULATE THE DRAFT FOR EVERYBODY TO TAKE A LOOK AT. I DON'T  
7 THINK THAT'S A PROBLEM, AND THEY HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING FOR THE  
8 LAST 15 YEARS, SO IT WASN'T JUST HER RECOMMENDATION, THERE  
9 HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THEY HAVEN'T ACTED ON.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE NEW PROPOSALS UP  
12 THERE AS WELL.

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THERE ARE SOME JUST STARTING TO SURFACE AND  
15 FLOAT AROUND.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE COULD DO THAT, MOST OF THE MAJOR MEDIA  
18 HAD SUPPORTED HILL'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND WHEN SHE WAS DOWN  
19 HERE I THINK SHE SPOKE BEFORE THE DAILY NEWS BOARD OF  
20 EDITORIAL BOARD, THE LOS ANGELES TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD AND AS  
21 A NONPARTISAN, SHE HAD SOME VERY GOOD SUGGESTIONS, SO IF WE  
22 COULD JUST DO THAT.

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1   **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** MADAM CHAIR, I THINK THE FIRST PART, IF  
2   YOU'RE DOING THIS TODAY, I THINK THE FIRST PART WOULD QUALIFY  
3   AS A REPORT BACK BUT THE SECOND PART WOULD NOT YEAH.

4

5   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE LETTER, THE 5-SIGNATURE LETTER HAS TO  
6   GO ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK?

7

8   **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** YES, YES.

9

10   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE REPORT WILL BE MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,  
11   SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION. AND FOR NEXT WEEK, WE'LL  
12   HAVE ON THE 5-SIGNATURE LETTER. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

13

14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE, AND JUST WE HAVE OUR  
15   PRAYERS AND BEST SUPPORT TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WILL BE IN  
16   COMBAT TOMORROW AND HOPEFULLY ALL WILL GO WELL. SO GIVE THEM  
17   OUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

18

19   **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** SUPERVISOR, YOU'D ALSO HELD ITEM NUMBER 69,  
20   WHICH IS A RECOMMENDATION BY THE CLAIMS BOARD.

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE QUESTIONS ON THAT. THE DEPUTY THAT THE  
23   PLAINTIFF WAS FOLLOWING PROCEDURES AND WHAT HAPPENS, HE IS --  
24   THERE WAS A VERDICT WHICH AWARDED HIM 38,000 DOLLARS, BUT THE  
25   LAWYER'S GETTING 268,000 DOLLARS? AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY





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1 THE LAWYERS SHOULD BE GETTING -- IT'S 262,000 DOLLARS THAT  
2 THEY'RE RECEIVING, EIGHT TIMES THE AMOUNT OF MONEY OF THE  
3 PLAINTIFF. THERE IS SOMETHING SERIOUSLY WRONG.

4

5 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, THIS IS A CIVIL RIGHTS  
6 LAWSUIT. THE HISTORY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION IS  
7 PROVIDED FOR IN THE --

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ABOUT PLAINTIFF RIGHTS?

10

11 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** WELL IT IS THE PLAINTIFF'S RIGHTS  
12 THEORETICALLY THAT THE --

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, RIGHT, SO THE LAWYER WILL GET EIGHT  
15 TIMES THE AMOUNT TO HELP --

16

17 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** WELL THE STATUTE, THE FEDERAL STATUTE IS TO  
18 ALLOW THE FEDERAL COURT TO AWARD ATTORNEY'S FEES TO AN  
19 ATTORNEY WHO TAKES A CASE TO VINDICATE THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF AN  
20 INDIVIDUAL, WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL'S BEEN DAMAGED TO THE  
21 EXTENT OF 1 DOLLAR, A HUNDRED DOLLARS, A THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR  
22 A MILLION DOLLARS. THE FEDERAL STATUTE IS WRITTEN TO MAKE SURE  
23 THAT THAT PERSON WHOSE CIVIL RIGHTS HAS BEEN VIOLATED OR  
24 BELIEVES HAS BEEN VIOLATED WILL BE ENTITLED TO GET AN ATTORNEY  
25 WHO WILL UNDERTAKE THE REPRESENTATION OF THAT INDIVIDUAL IN



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1 THAT LAWSUIT. I DON'T AGREE THAT HE SHOULD BE GETTING THIS  
2 MUCH MONEY IN THESE KINDS OF CASES, BUT THAT'S THE PURPOSE FOR  
3 THE PARTICULAR STATUTE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, YOU'RE SAYING THAT THE JUDGE COULD NOT  
6 REDUCE THOSE -- THE ATTORNEY FEES? DOESN'T THE JUDGE HAVE THAT  
7 DISCRETION?

8

9 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** THE JUDGE DOES HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO SET THE  
10 ATTORNEY'S FEES. HE USUALLY ASKS IN THESE KINDS OF CASES FOR  
11 THE INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT TO THE COURT HOW MUCH HIS  
12 HOURLY FEE WOULD BE, HOW MANY HOURS HE PUT IN ON THE CASE, AND  
13 ALSO WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE A MULTIPLIER WITH RESPECT TO THE  
14 DIFFICULTY OF THE CASE IN BRINGING IT TO THAT PARTICULAR  
15 RESULT. THIS PARTICULAR PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY HAS BEEN VERY  
16 SUCCESSFUL IN CONVINCING FEDERAL JUDGES TO GIVE HIM NOT ONLY A  
17 HIGH RATE, BUT A GOOD PORTION OF THE HOURLY FEES THAT HE SAYS  
18 HE'S PUT IN ON A PARTICULAR CASE. FREQUENTLY THIS --

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND HE RECEIVED A MULTIPLIER THOUGH DIDN'T HE?

21

22 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** I'M NOT SURE WHETHER THERE WAS A MULTIPLIER  
23 AWARDED IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, BUT THIS ATTORNEY HAS BEEN  
24 VERY SUCCESSFUL IN USING VERY BLAND DESCRIPTIONS OF HIS  
25 SERVICES, EIGHT HOURS' TRIAL, EIGHT HOURS' TRIAL PREPARATION,



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1 ET CETERA, AND GETTING THE COURTS TO AWARD HIM THE ATTORNEY'S  
2 FEES.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE HAVE ASKED THE COURT TO REVIEW HIS  
5 FEES IN LIGHT OF THE EIGHT TIMES GREATER THAN THE JUDGMENT  
6 THAT'S BEING RENDERED TO THE PLAINTIFF?

7

8 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** THIS IS A NEGOTIATED AMOUNT BASED UPON OUR  
9 PAST EXPERIENCE IN FEDERAL COURT AND WITH THIS PARTICULAR  
10 ATTORNEY REGARDING HIS SUCCESS IN GETTING BOTH THE HOURLY RATE  
11 AND NUMBER OF HOURS THAT HE SEEKS TO BE COMPENSATED FOR.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PERHAPS WE NEED A DIFFERENT NEGOTIATOR.

14

15 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** WELL, THERE WERE, I THINK, THREE DIFFERENT  
16 ATTORNEYS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATING THIS. I DID NOT  
17 PERSONALLY GO TO THIS NEGOTIATION, I THINK WE HAD SOME OF OUR  
18 BEST ATTORNEYS INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATING THIS MATTER.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I JUST FIND IT -- I CAN'T SUPPORT GIVING AN  
21 INDIVIDUAL EIGHT TIMES MORE THAN THE PLAINTIFF, WILL GET MORE  
22 MONEY.

23

24 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** I'M SORRY, DID?

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I JUST SAID I CAN'T SUPPORT GIVING A  
2   PLAINTIFF EIGHT TIMES LESS THAN THE ATTORNEY.

3

4   **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK IT'S ALSO PURPOSEFUL, THOUGH, ISN'T IT,  
5   BILL?

6

7   **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** I'M SORRY?

8

9   **SUP. MOLINA:** I MEAN CIVIL RIGHTS IS A WHOLE DIFFERENT ISSUE.  
10   WE KEEP VIOLATING PEOPLE'S CIVIL RIGHTS, AND IN ORDER FOR  
11   LAWYERS TO TAKE ON THE CASES TO PROVE THEM RIGHT, YOU'VE GOT  
12   TO FEATHER THEIR NEST OTHERWISE THEY DON'T TAKE THESE CASES.

13

14   **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** THAT'S WHAT I WAS INDICATING. THIS PARTICULAR  
15   PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY, SUPERVISOR, HAS --

16

17   **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE HE'S VERY PROLIFIC AT DOING THIS.

18

19   **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** YES, HE'S ASKED JURIES SOMETIMES FOR EXAMPLE  
20   TO VINDICATE HIS CLIENT'S RIGHTS AND GIVE THEM 1 DOLLAR TO  
21   FIND THAT THEY HAD -- THAT HIS CLIENT HAD SUFFERED A VIOLATION  
22   OF CIVIL RIGHTS, ONLY TO HIMSELF THEN RECEIVE A LARGE AWARD OF  
23   ATTORNEY'S FEES AFTER THE JURY WOULD MAKE THAT DETERMINATION.

24



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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WE KEEP GIVING THEM CASES TO HAVE -- I MEAN  
2   THE POINT IS --

3

4   **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** NOT INTENTIONALLY BUT HE CONTINUES TO DO VERY  
5   WELL AGAINST PUBLIC AGENCIES.

6

7   **SUP. MOLINA:** HE JUST MAILES HIS CARDS INTO ALL OF OUR JAILS,  
8   HEH-HEH-HEH.

9

10   **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** YES.

11

12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PROBLEM IS THE INMATE WAS X-RAYED AND NO  
13   INJURIES WERE FOUND, AND THE POLICIES, THE INMATE WAS AT  
14   PITCHES, INMATES WERE LINED UP AGAINST THE WALL WAITING THE  
15   USE OF THE JAIL LIBRARY. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS IN LINE WHEN A  
16   FEMALE DEPUTY WALKED BY AND HE MADE AN INAPPROPRIATE SEXUALLY  
17   ORIENTED COMMENT TO THE DEPUTY AND THE MALE DEPUTY THEN PULLED  
18   HIM OUT OF LINE, TOOK HIM TO ANOTHER ROOM AND CONDUCTED A  
19   PATDOWN SEARCH, RELEASED HIM BACK TO THE LINE.

20

21   **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** HOWEVER, SUPERVISOR, THE JURY IN FEDERAL  
22   COURT HAS FOUND, BASED UPON THE TESTIMONY AND THE EVIDENCE  
23   THAT WAS PRESENTED TO THEM, THAT THERE WAS EXCESSIVE FORCE  
24   USED AND THAT THIS PARTICULAR DEPUTY DID CAUSE INJURY, WHILE



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1 IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PERMANENT WITH RESPECT TO THAT PARTICULAR  
2 INMATE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEY'RE GOING TO GIVE THE ATTORNEY EIGHT  
5 TIMES MORE THAN THEY'RE GIVING THE PLAINTIFF.

6

7 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** THE JURY DOESN'T KNOW THAT WHEN THEY MAKE  
8 THAT DETERMINATION. JUST AS THEY DON'T IN OTHER CASES WHERE HE  
9 ASKS FOR 1 DOLLAR TO BE AWARDED TO HIS CLIENTS. IF WE GO BACK  
10 TO TRIAL, WE'LL END UP SPENDING MORE MONEY AND WE'LL END UP  
11 MOST LIKELY PAYING MORE MONEY THAN WHAT WE HAVE UNDER THESE  
12 CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS WAS THE SUBJECT OF A COUPLE OF NEGOTIATION  
13 SESSIONS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD I SAY THAT MICHAEL, THE NEXT CASE MIGHT  
16 SATISFY YOU. WE'RE PAYING 850,000 DOLLARS TO A MAN WHO WAS  
17 KILLED AFTER HE TURNED HIMSELF IN TO SERVE HIS TIME, ALL BY  
18 OUR MISTAKES. I MEAN, THAT'S THE UNFORTUNATE PART ABOUT IT.  
19 THESE OFFICERS HAVE GOT TO FOLLOW THE LAW, AND WHETHER IT BE  
20 CIVIL RIGHTS LAW OR WHETHER IT BE THE ISSUES OF OUR OWN  
21 PROTOCOLS, WE'RE PAYING OUT, AS TAXPAYERS, WE'RE PAYING THESE  
22 BILLS, AND THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE MAKING MONEY OFF OF IT,  
23 BUT IF THEY AREN'T THERE TO BE THE LAWYER, THEN MORE  
24 VIOLATIONS WILL OCCUR.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT.

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3    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HOW DO YOU WANT TO PROCEED? IS THERE A  
4    MOTION? I MEAN, I ASSUME THIS IS BASED ON THE ACTUAL HOURS THE  
5    ATTORNEY SPENT ON THE CASE.

6

7    **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** WE'RE ANTICIPATING BASED ON THE INFORMATION  
8    THAT HE'S PROVIDED TO US SO FAR THAT HIS FEES TO DATE WOULD BE  
9    280,000 DOLLARS.

10

11    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW, WOULD YOU LIKE FOR HIM TO GO  
12    BACK AND TALK TO THE ATTORNEY AND SAY THAT THERE'S SOME  
13    RELUCTANCE TO PAY THAT OR?

14

15    **SUP. MOLINA:** IF WE DO THAT, HE'S GOING TO HOLD THAT A LITTLE  
16    MORE.

17

18    **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** WE'LL RUN THE METER SOME MORE, I'M AFRAID.

19

20    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ADD THE ADDITIONAL TIME? IS THERE A MOTION?

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22    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** FOR THE RECORD, MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR  
23    MOLINA IS VOTING "NO".

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT THEN WE'LL JUST REFER THIS BACK  
2   TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE.

3

4   **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** OKAY.

5

6   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IS THERE A MOTION TO DO THAT --

7

8   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A MOTION TO DO THAT?

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO MOVED.

11

12   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, IT'S MOVED SO TO REFER IT BACK TO THE  
13   COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. DO YOU  
14   HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS? SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

15

16   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I DON'T HAVE ANY ITEMS.

17

18   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE NO ADJOURNMENTS? IS THERE ANYTHING  
19   FURTHER BESIDES PUBLIC COMMENT? WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. JANET  
20   FISHER. RUTH CRAFT. ARE THERE TWO JANET FISHERS? WOULD BOTH  
21   JANET FISHERS COME FORWARD? PARDON ME?

22

23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TWO PEOPLE HAVE THE SAME NAME.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HAVE THE SAME NAME, BOTH, AND THEN RUTH  
2   CRAFT. BOTH JANET FISHERS AND RUTH CRAFT. ONE JANET FISHER  
3   DIDN'T GIVE HER ADDRESS, I THINK. ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, THE  
4   JANET FISHER THAT DIDN'T GIVE HER ADDRESS, I'LL GIVE THIS BACK  
5   SO YOU CAN INCLUDE YOUR ADDRESS ON IT. YES, UH-HUH? YOU MAY  
6   PROCEED. STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

7

8   **MELODY HENRICKSON:** OKAY MS. BURKE, I'M MELODY HENRICKSON.  
9   JANET FISHER HAD TO GO HOME SICK. MAY I TAKE HER PLACE?

10

11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURELY. STATE YOUR NAME.

12

13   **MELODY HENRICKSON:** MY NAME'S MELODY HENRICKSON.

14

15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT NOW ARE YOU -- WHICH JANET  
16   FISHER'S PLACE ARE YOU TAKING?

17

18   **MELODY HENRICKSON:** ACTUALLY, THERE'S ONLY ONE JANET FISHER.  
19   TWO PEOPLE SIGNED IN FOR THE SAME NAME. JANET HAD TO GO HOME  
20   SICK, SHE WAS SICK TO HER STOMACH. OKAY TWO DIFFERENT ISSUES.  
21   OKAY. NUMBER ONE, WE'RE REQUESTING THAT YOU -- THAT THE BOARD  
22   OF SUPERVISORS CONTACT JUDGE WADE OLSEN DUE TO THE FACT THAT  
23   DEMETRIUS BROWN, 24 YEARS OLD, HAS CANCER. HE HAS FOUR MONTHS  
24   TO LIVE. THE DIRECTOR OF CORRECTIONS IN SACRAMENTO HAS  
25   REQUESTED THAT THIS MAN GO HOME AND WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU



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1 WRITE A LETTER TO RELEASE HIM SO HE CAN BE WITH HIS FAMILY FOR  
2 THE LAST FOUR MONTHS OF HIS LIFE. AND I HAVE A FLYER HERE  
3 REGARDING THIS.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. OH WHERE IS HE?

6

7 **MELODY HENRICKSON:** HE'S IN PRISON RIGHT NOW, HE'S GOT FOUR --

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE PRISON OR IN A -- OR IN COUNTY JAIL?

10

11 **MELODY HENRICKSON:** HE'S IN THE CALIFORNIA MAN'S COLONY PRISON  
12 IN SAN LOUIS OBISPO. HE'S ONLY GOT FOUR MORE MONTHS.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT WOULD HAVE TO GO TO YOUR STATE  
15 LEGISLATOR.

16

17 **MELODY HENRICKSON:** WE'RE JUST ASKING THAT THE BOARD CONTACT A  
18 SENATOR SHORT NOTE ASKING THAT HE CAN BE WITH HIS FAMILY,  
19 SOMETHING SIMPLE. OKAY. THE OTHER ISSUE, MS. BURKE, IS THAT WE  
20 HAVE COLLECTED 10,000 SIGNATURES ASKING JOHN ASHCROFT FOR A  
21 CONSENT DECREE AGAINST THIS COUNTY DUE TO THE 90% OF ALL THE  
22 PEOPLE VICTIMIZED ARE FROM YOUR DISTRICT NUMBER 2. WE'RE  
23 ASKING YOU, MS. BURKE, THAT YOU REMOVE YOURSELF FROM ALL OF  
24 THE COMMITTEES. WE'RE ALSO ASKING THAT ALL CASES INVOLVING  
25 COUNTY COUNSEL, JUDGES, D.A.'S AND PUBLIC DEFENDERS BE



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1 REVISITED BECAUSE OF A FINANCIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST. MANY OF  
2 THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DENIED DUE PROCESS. WE'RE ALSO STATING  
3 THAT WE DO NOT HEAR ANYTHING WITHIN A WEEK, WE WILL GO FORWARD  
4 WITH A RECALL. ALSO, ALL CASES PENDING WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED  
5 SITUATION SHOULD BE SETTLED, CAUSING ANOTHER CAUSE OF ACTION  
6 AND DUE PROCESS VIOLATIONS.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT COMMITTEE DID YOU SAY?

9

10 **MELODY HENRICKSON:** THIS IS REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA REUNITING  
11 GROUP. WE HAVE 10,000 SIGNATURES.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S THE NAME OF THE GROUP?

14

15 **MELODY HENRICKSON:** CALIFORNIA UNITING. THIS IS BOTH NORTHERN  
16 AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU ARE ASKING THAT I REMOVE MYSELF  
19 FROM WHAT?

20

21 **MELODY HENRICKSON:** FROM THE COMMITTEES.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHICH COMMITTEES IS THAT?

24

25 **MELODY HENRICKSON:** I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DR. SHIRLEY --



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO THAT'S WHY -- YOU DIDN'T SIGN UP ANYHOW.  
3 HE CAN -- WHOEVER IT IS WHO FIGURES OUT WHAT COMMITTEE I HAVE  
4 TO REMOVE MYSELF FROM BEFORE THEY RECALL ME WOULD SHARE IT  
5 WITH CHUCK BROOKHAMMER. ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES?  
6 MISS CRAFT. STATE YOUR NAME PLEASE.

7

8 **RUTH CRAFT:** GOOD MORNING. OR GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RUTH  
9 CRAFT AND I'M HERE TO ADVOCATE ON THE ISSUES OF ESPECIALLY  
10 AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN THAT FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS OF THE  
11 SYSTEM. I'M THE MOTHER OF TWO SONS, BOTH WHO HAVE BEEN  
12 INCARCERATED, WHO WERE ILLEGALLY TAKEN AWAY FROM ME BY THE  
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITHOUT HAVING A TRIAL. I'M HERE TO  
14 SPEAK ON THE BEHALF OF MY OLDEST SON, WHO IS NOW INCARCERATED  
15 BECAUSE OF EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS, AND I AM OVERWHELMED AT THE  
16 SYSTEM AND HOW IT TREATS AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN. IF WE  
17 DON'T HAVE RESPECT FOR OUR CHILDREN, WHAT DO WE HAVE RESPECT  
18 FOR? YOU ARE LOOKING AT A SHELL. I'M NOT EVEN A HUMAN BEING.  
19 WHEN YOU SIT AND PERSECUTE CHILDREN BECAUSE YOU DO NOT GO  
20 ALONG WITH THE POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS OF THE PARENT, IT IS  
21 INHUMANE, AND I PRAY TO GOD THAT WHEN THIS WAR STARTS IN IRAQ,  
22 AND IT'S GONNA START, THAT WE ALL DEAL WITH WHAT WE HAVE DONE  
23 TO CHILDREN THAT HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH POLITICS. IT IS TIME  
24 THAT WE PUT POLITICS ON THE BACK BURNER AND PUT OUR LOVED ONES  
25 AND OUR CHILDREN FIRST. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ERIC KING, MOLLIE M. BELL.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, PLEASE PROCEED.

5

6 **MOLLIE M. BELL:** OKAY, THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MOLLIE M. BELL,  
7 AND I'M STRAIGHT OUT OF THE CITY OF COMPTON, L.A. COUNTY. AND  
8 FIRST OF ALL, I DO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS WHO DID SHOW UP  
9 YESTERDAY AT LIMERICK PARK TO SEE COUNCILMAN BERNARD PARKS  
10 SWORN IN. IT WAS A GREAT DAY. WE HAD -- THERE WAS A PARTY  
11 ATMOSPHERE, SO FOR THAT, I THANK YOU. WHAT I CAME FORWARD FOR  
12 TODAY, ONE OF TWO THINGS. THE FIRST ONE, WE HAVE THE WAR  
13 THAT'S GOING ON AND WE'RE ASKING THAT THE SUPERVISORS AND  
14 EVERYONE REALIZE THAT A LOT OF THINGS NEED TO BE IN PLACE IF  
15 THIS 48 HOURS WE DO HAVE A WAR, SO WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT  
16 EVERYTHING IS IN PLACE, ALL THE SYSTEMS ARE GO. MY SECOND  
17 CONCERN IS THAT ON RADIO STATION K.J.L.H. 102.3 FM ON A SHOW  
18 CALLED "FRONT PAGE," ON MARCH THE 10TH, 2003, SHIRLEY RAVEN  
19 MOORE AND ATTORNEY RICHARD FEIN WERE THE GUESTS, AND AT THAT  
20 PARTICULAR SHOW, THEY GAVE INFORMATION THAT THE COUNTY PAYS  
21 ALL THE -- MANY OF THE JUDGES 30,000 A YEAR, THE COUNTY PAYS  
22 THE SAME PROSECUTORS AND ATTORNEYS MONEY SO THAT IF I WERE TO  
23 GO TO COURT AND FIGHT -- HAVE A COUNTY-ASSISTED ATTORNEY AND A  
24 COUNTY JUDGE -- I MEAN, BEING PAID, THERE WAS GOING TO BE A  
25 CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND FROM SHIRLEY RAVEN MOORE'S REPORT ON



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1 RADIO STATION 102.3 FM, SHE STATED THAT SHE HAD GONE TO THE  
2 SECOND APPELLATE COURT DIVISION EIGHT AND SHE HAD WON THAT  
3 CASE THAT THERE WAS AN ABUSIVE DISCRETION OF FUNDS. THAT'S  
4 WHAT SHE HAD STATED. MY CONCERN THAT IF ANY OF THIS IS TRUE,  
5 THEN WE SHOULD MAKE A CHANGE. I SEE MY ONE MINUTE SIGN. I KNOW  
6 I HEARD, I MEAN MS. MOLINA SAY THAT SHE COULDN'T FIND A  
7 WEBSITE BUT HERE'S A WEBSITE THAT YOU COULD FIND MORE ABOUT  
8 IT. IT'S WWW.CIVICUSA.ORG, AND PLEASE CHECK ON THAT AND WE  
9 WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM THAT. AGAIN, I'M ASKING ALL THE PRAYER  
10 WARRIORS WHO ARE LISTENING TODAY TO KEEP ON FASTING AND KEEP  
11 ON PRAYING, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES, BUT  
12 ALWAYS TO GOD BE THE GLORY. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE COUNTY COUNSEL  
15 WILL DISCUSS THAT WITH YOU. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE  
16 COUNTY PROVIDES MONEY TO PROSECUTORS AS WELL AS SOME MONEY TO  
17 JUDGES, BUT FOR THE MOST PART, THE TRIAL JUDGES ARE UNDER  
18 STATE... ONE TIME THEY WEREN'T.

19

20 **RUTH CHIQUITA SUMMERS BURGESS PAYNE, AND SHIRLEY MOORE.**

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22 **>>RUTH CHIQUITA SUMMERS BURGESS PAYNE:** I HAVE TO SAY THAT I  
23 FEEL LIKE I'M IN THE FACE OF AN ICON BECAUSE I REMEMBER SEEING  
24 MS. BURKE WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL IN THE EBONY MAGAZINES,  
25 AND I WAS SO PROUD, AND I LOOK AND I HELP PEOPLE IN THE





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1 COMMUNITY WITH DIFFERENT THINGS, AND I SEE YOUR NAME ACROSS  
2 ALL TYPES OF DIFFERENT THINGS THAT ARE GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY,  
3 AND SO I WANT YOUR HELP WITH THREE THINGS.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **RUTH CHIQUITA SUMMERS BURGESS PAYNE:** YOU'RE WELCOME. AND I  
8 LIKE YOUR HAIRCUT, TOO.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID YOU STATE YOUR NAME.

11

12 **RUTH CHIQUITA SUMMERS BURGESS PAYNE:** OH I'M SORRY, I AM RUTH  
13 CHIQUITA SUMMERS BURGESS PAYNE, EVERYONE CALLS ME QUEENIE  
14 BECAUSE MY NAME IS LONG, AND I AM FROM THE HUGHEY CLAN, PART  
15 OF OUR FAMILY IS CHINESE, AND THAT MEANS BRIGHT AND  
16 INTELLIGENT, AND IT DOES WORK. MY UNCLE IS THE DESIGNER OF THE  
17 HOLOGRAPHIC SCANNER THAT YOU SEE WHEN YOU GO INTO THE GROCERY  
18 STORES AND EVERYWHERE TO DO THE U.P.C. CODES, SO I'M PRETTY --  
19 I'M FROM A GOOD GROUP OF PEOPLE, MINISTERS AND TEACHERS AND  
20 LIKE THAT. NOW THERE'S THREE THINGS. ONE OF THEM SEEMS LIKE A  
21 LITTLE BITTY SOMETHING. WE HAVE BEEN ASKING RALPHS, VONS,  
22 ALBERTSONS AND FOOD FOR LESS TO PLEASE TAKE THE GUNS OUT OF  
23 THE EASTER BASKETS AND -- I MEAN, IT'S JUST KIND OF SILLY, AND  
24 SOME OF THEM ARE POP GUNS AND ONE OF THEM IS GRAY WITH AN  
25 ORANGE TIP, SO IF A POLICE OFFICER SEES THAT MOVES, IT'S



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1 ALMOST LIKE HE'S LOOKING AT A BLUE STEEL THAT'S FIRING AT HIM.  
2 SO IF YOU GUYS WOULD KINDLY MAKE A NOTE TO THEM OF SOME TYPE,  
3 GO INTO -- IT'S IN THE ASIAN, AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND LATINO  
4 COMMUNITIES. IF YOU GO INTO AREAS THAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE  
5 UPSCALE, IT'S NOT THERE. SO IF YOU GUYS PASS THROUGH, MAKE A  
6 NOTE OF THAT, THIS IS NOT NICE, EVEN THOUGH BUNNIES HAVE  
7 NOTHING TO DO WITH EASTER, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING, BUT IT'S  
8 JUST NOT NICE TO HAVE GUNS, AND ALSO WAR TOYS, THAT BRINGS ME  
9 TO POINT TWO. JUST LIKE WE RESPECTED THE HAJJ, A LOT OF PEOPLE  
10 IN THIS UNITED STATES ARE CHRISTIANS, AND UNDER THOSE  
11 CIRCUMSTANCES, ONCE LENT BEGINS, WE ARE IN THE HOLIEST TIME OF  
12 THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR, AND -- EXCUSE ME, SIR. ISN'T HE ONE OF  
13 THE SUPERVISORS? 'CAUSE I WANT HIM TO KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING  
14 ABOUT SO HE CAN DEAL WITH IT. THEY'RE NOT PAYING ATTENTION.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE'LL BE-- HE JUST HAS --

17

18 **RUTH CHIQUITA SUMMERS BURGESS PAYNE:** YOU GUYS WEREN'T PAYING  
19 ATTENTION.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE HAS JUST A -- HE HAS AN URGENT MATTER  
22 BUT JUST GO RIGHT ON, HE'LL BE LISTENING.

23

24 **RUTH CHIQUITA SUMMERS BURGESS PAYNE:** NOW WHAT I'M SAYING TO  
25 YOU, WE ARE IN THE HOLIEST TIME OF THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR.



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1 THIS IS THE LENTEN SEASON, AND JUST LIKE WE COULD HOLD OFF FOR  
2 THE HAJJ ON FIRING WEAPONS AT SOMEBODY WHOSE CHILD, TWO-YEAR-  
3 OLD CHILD THAT WAS KILLED WHEN WE WERE GOING AFTER HIM, 'CAUSE  
4 SEE WE ARE ALL FORGETTING ABOUT THE FACT THAT SADDAM HUSSEIN  
5 LOST HIS TWO-YEAR-OLD CHILD. NOW, WHAT I'M SAYING IS DURING  
6 THE EASTER SEASON, WHY SHOULD WE WANT TO TAKE THE CHANCE THAT  
7 WE HAVE TO REPORT TO ANY MOTHER BEFORE EASTER THAT HER CHILD  
8 IS DEAD. I KNOW DEATH, AND IT LASTS FOR A LONG TIME. A YEAR  
9 AGO TODAY, MY SISTER DIED, AND WE'RE STILL FEELING IT, SO  
10 THAT'LL BE ANOTHER EASTER SEASON. SO EVERY EASTER SEASON, WE  
11 WILL REMEMBER THE GUNS OF EASTER, NOT JUST IN THE EASTER  
12 BASKETS, BUT THE GUNS OF EASTER OVER IN THE MIDDLE EAST OR I  
13 CALL THAT NORTHERN AFRICA 'CAUSE THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS  
14 MIDDLE EAST AS A CONTINENT. NOW, THERE'S ONE FINAL THING. I DO  
15 NOT KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS SITUATION IN THE COUNTY WHEN IT  
16 COMES DOWN TO THESE 750 CHILDREN THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BE  
17 ORPHANED AND MISSING OR THE PEOPLE WITH NAMDA AND ALL THIS  
18 STUFF AND ALL KINDS OF ALL CRAZY MESS THAT'S GOING ON WHERE  
19 CHILDREN HAVE COME UP MISSING, BUT WHAT I AM SAYING IS THAT  
20 DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE TO DO WITH CHILDREN COMING UP MISSING  
21 WITH THE PEOPLE DYING IN CUSTODY AND ALL THAT KIND OF GOOD  
22 STUFF, I AM DEPENDING ON YOU, BECAUSE WHEN I WAS A LITTLE  
23 GIRL, I WAS SO PROUD OF YOU, MS. BURKE, AND I WANT TO BE PROUD  
24 OF YOU UNTIL THE DAY THAT I MIGHT DIE BEFORE YOU, BECAUSE I'M  
25 SICKLY.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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4 **RUTH CHIQUITA SUMMERS BURGESS PAYNE:** GOD BLESS YOU.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY THANK YOU. YES. PLEASE STATE YOUR  
7 NAME.

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9 **SHIRLEY MOORE:** MISS SHIRLEY RAVEN MOORE AND I FELT THE SAME  
10 WAY, WHEN I WAS GOING TO CAL STATE LONG BEACH, I RAN UP  
11 THROUGH THE CORRIDORS TO SEE YOU, TODAY I'M VERY DISAPPOINTED  
12 WITH YOU. YOU HAVE LET THE COMMUNITY DOWN. I DO SECOND WHAT  
13 MISS MELANIE SAID. WE DO WANT YOU OFF OF ALL THE COMMITTEES,  
14 MS. BURKE. NOT THE OTHER ONES. WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THEM,  
15 BUT YOUR DISTRICT HAS SUFFERED THE MOST, MORE CHILDREN HAVE  
16 BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, MORE PEOPLE LOSING THEIR PROPERTY,  
17 AND, YES, THESE CASES HAVE BEEN TAINTED. YES, I HAVE TALKED TO  
18 ASHCROFT'S OFFICE, YES THEY ARE WAITING, THESE CASES HAVE BEEN  
19 TAINTED BASED UPON THE FACT THAT IT WAS A CONFLICT, A  
20 FINANCIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST. I DON'T UNDERSTAND FOR THE  
21 LIFE OF ME HOW I AM FIGHTING THE COUNTY AND I SEE PELLMAN AND  
22 I WAS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE HE'S FIGHTING AGAINST ME AND YOU GOT  
23 THE JUDGE AND YOU'RE PAYING THEM ALL, THESE PEOPLE HAVE NOT  
24 RECEIVED DUE PROCESS. I KNOW THAT. ALL I'M ASKING YOU GUYS TO  
25 DO IS TO, IF YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE THESE CHILDREN, THEY SHOULD



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1 BE PROVIDED A PRIVATE ATTORNEY, NOT A COUNTY COUNSEL, IF  
2 YOU'RE GOING TO PROSECUTE --

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY ARE PROVIDED --

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6 **SHIRLEY MOORE:** ALL OF THEM ARE NOT. MY LITTLE BABY COUSIN, AND  
7 THAT'S ANOTHER THING I'M HERE BEFORE THE BOARD, YOU GUYS ARE  
8 TRYING TO FORCE SERVICES, THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT SAY  
9 YOU CANNOT FORCE SERVICES. YOU WANT TO GIVE HER OPEN HEART  
10 SURGERY. THREE SPECIALISTS HAVE SAID THIS CHILD DOESN'T NEED A  
11 SURGERY. YOU GUYS ARE ALLOWING THE DOCTOR TO COME ON THE  
12 STAGE, ON THE STAND AND LIE AND SAY SHE NEEDS SURGERY. THIS  
13 DOCTOR HAS NEVER SEEN THIS CHILD. MS. BURKE, YOU ARE GOING TO  
14 HAVE TO ANSWER. WE'RE ASKING YOU TO BE REMOVED FROM ALL OF  
15 YOUR DUTIES. IF NOT, WE'RE GOING FORWARD WITH THIS RECALL.  
16 WE'RE ASKING YOU TODAY TO GET IN CONTACT WITH US BY THE FIRST  
17 OF NEXT WEEK. IF NOT, WE WILL SEND ALL 10,000 SIGNATURES TO  
18 ASHCROFT, WE WILL GO FROM -- YOU CAN SMILE IF YOU WANT, WE'RE  
19 GOING FROM DOOR TO DOOR. WE WILL SHOW PEOPLE THE EVIDENCE. I  
20 HAVE LETTERS COMING FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNSEL GOING TO PARENTS  
21 SAYING THAT YOU WILL GIVE THEM 10,000 DOLLARS IF YOU WOULD LET  
22 THEM BRING THESE KIDS AND PUT THEM IN YOUR -- BACK IN THE  
23 SYSTEM. I'M GOING TO REPEAT IT AGAIN, NOT FROM PELLMAN, I HAVE  
24 A LETTER FROM COUNTY COUNSEL GOING TO MOTHERS TELLING THEM  
25 THAT THE COUNTY WILL GIVE THEM 10,000 DOLLARS PROVIDING THAT



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1 THEY BRING THE KIDS BACK INTO THE SYSTEM. MS. BURKE, I'M  
2 TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW, WHEN IT'S OVER, DO NOT GET MAD AGAIN, I  
3 JUST WANT TO SAY THIS TO YOU, THE PERSON YOU NEED TO BE MAD  
4 WITH IS YOUR COUNTY COUNSEL, RICHARD CHASTAIN. WE'RE GOING ALL  
5 THE WAY, WE'RE GOING ALL THE WAY, AND I TELL YOU, YOU CAN  
6 SMILE IF YOU WANT TO, YOU WILL NOT BE REELECTED, WE'RE NOT MAD  
7 AT THE OTHER ONES, BUT IF THEY TRY TO PROTECT YOU, WE'RE GOING  
8 TO ALL THE WAY TO WASHINGTON, D.C. ON YOU. WE DO NOT TRUST  
9 YOU. YOU HAVE BEEN A DISGRACE TO THE COMMUNITY AND A DISGRACE  
10 TO THE LEAST.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THAT SHE IS OUT OF ORDER AND WE'VE GOT TO  
13 STOP HER.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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17 **SPEAKER:** BUT HER TIME HADN'T EXPIRED AND THIS IS A PLACE WHERE  
18 FREEDOM OF SPEECH, FREEDOM OF SPEECH --

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE RECOGNIZE FREEDOM OF SPEECH BUT -- AND I  
21 THINK SHE'S HAD A CHANCE TO MAKE EVERY STATEMENT. I HEARD HER.

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23 **RUTH CHIQUITA SUMMERS BURGESS PAYNE:** AND I STILL LOVE YOU AND  
24 I LIKE YOU -- [ MIXED VOICES ].

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THIS KIND OF LOVE, I'M TELLING YOU.

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3    **RUTH CHIQUITA SUMMERS BURGESS PAYNE:** WELL I DO, I REALLY -- I  
4    THINK YOU'RE A WONDERFUL PERSON, BUT IT'S JUST THAT THERE'S  
5    SOME THINGS THAT MAYBE YOU DON'T KNOW WHY THERE'S A PROBLEM,  
6    BUT THERE ARE PROBLEMS IN SOME DEPARTMENTS.

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8    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE UNDERSTAND THERE ARE PROBLEMS, WE'RE  
9    TRYING TO CORRECT THEM.

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11    **RUTH CHIQUITA SUMMERS BURGESS PAYNE:** AND WE'LL WRITE YOU MORE  
12    SPECIFICALLY.

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14    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I THINK, YES, IT'D BE HELPFUL IF YOU  
15    WOULD WRITE THEM SPECIFICALLY AND IF SHE HAS A LETTER FOR  
16    10,000 DOLLARS WE'RE OFFERING TO KEEP PEOPLE IN THE SYSTEM, I  
17    WOULD JUST LIKE TO SEE IT.

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19    **RUTH CHIQUITA SUMMERS BURGESS PAYNE:** THANK YOU.

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21    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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23    **RUTH CHIQUITA SUMMERS BURGESS PAYNE:** THANK YOU FOR SHOWING,  
24    THAT'S WHAT WE NEED IS FOR YOU JUST TO SAY YOU'RE GOING TO DO  
25    SOMETHING.





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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, THANK YOU, ALL RIGHT.

3 ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANYTHING FURTHER? IS THERE ANYTHING

4 FURTHER? IF NOT, THE MEETING'S ADJOURNED.

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